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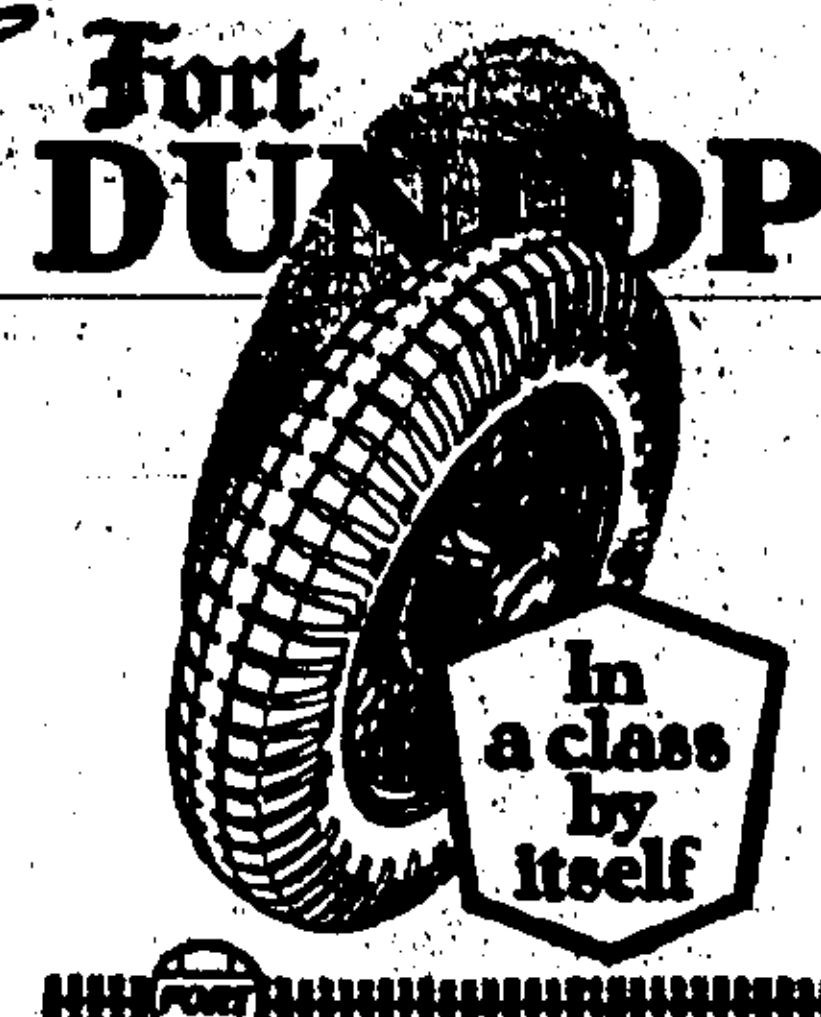
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CRICKET STARTS

Two County Games in London.

SENSATIONAL BOWLING AT LORD'S.

Jardine's Century at the Oval.

A splendid prelude to the 1932 County Championship was witnessed at Lord's during the first county match of the season when Middlesex and Warwickshire were engaged in a sensational struggle for first innings points.

Battling first on a bowler's wicket Warwickshire were skilful out for 69 by Jack Durston, who captured 7 wickets for 25 runs. The home county were in exactly the same position against Paine and were eventually dismissed when eight runs short of their objective, Paine claiming 7 wickets for 14 runs. Rain, however, robbed the game of a definite result.

Rain Spoils Match.
At the Oval, Surrey secured first innings points from Worcestershire. I. R. Jardine, the potential skipper of the England XI and Surrey's new captain, scoring 164 to celebrate the opening of the season. Jack Hobbs was also in a scoring mood to contribute 84 to Surrey's total of 339. Gregory, the Surrey all-rounder, then proceeded to dismiss Worcestershire for 88, claiming 6 wickets for 21 runs. Rain came to the rescue of the visiting side and the game was abandoned after both sides had completed an innings.

Full scores as cabled by Reuter were as follows:—

Warwickshire took first innings points from Middlesex at Lord's.

Warwick: 69 (Durston 7 for 25), 20 for 60 wicket.

Middlesex: 52 (Paine 7 for 14).

Surrey took first innings points from Worcestershire at the Oval.

Surrey: 339 (D. R. Jardine 164, Hobbs 84).

Worcester: 88 (Gregory 6 for 21).

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MR. MACDONALD'S EYESIGHT.

Operation on Thursday.

London, Yesterday.

Mr. Ramsay MacDonald's right eye will be operated on for glaucoma on Thursday. The left eye, which was previously operated on, is satisfactory.

Mr. MacDonald, therefore, will be unable to return to Geneva for the Disarmament conversations as had been arranged. He will preside at a Cabinet meeting and see the King to-morrow.

His general health is excellent and it is hoped that he will be able to attend the Lausanne Reparations Conference on June 16. —Reuter.

FRENCH SOCIALISTS' CHALLENGE.

Tardieu To Be Pressed in Second Ballot.

Paris, To-day.

Mr. Herriot's Socialist Radicals have decided to challenge Premier A. Tardieu's Government on Sunday's second ballot by withdrawing the Socialist Radical candidates in constituencies where Socialists are standing.

This move, it is thought, will give Opposition candidates better chances of election by straight contests with the Government candidates. —Reuter.

BRITISH DELEGATION TO OTTAWA CONFERENCE

SEVEN ADVISERS TO ACCOMPANY OFFICIALS

MANY PROMINENT NAMES

London, To-day.

Mr. J. H. Thomas, Secretary for the Dominions, informed the House of Commons to-day that in addition to the official advisers from Government departments, it was proposed to include in the United Kingdom delegation to Ottawa seven advisers.

For industrial and commercial questions, Sir Gilbert Vyle, Lord Weir and Sir Alan Henderson are appointed, these three having been nominated by the British Committee on Empire Trade as representatives of the Association of British Chamber of Commerce, the Federation of British Industries and the Chambers of Shipping of the United Kingdom.

Messrs. John Bromley and Walter Citrine have been nominated by the General Council of Trades Union Congress.

The adviser on Colonial Trade matters will be Sir Edward

Davidson. The adviser upon agricultural questions will be announced later. — British Wireless Service.

Experienced Men.

[Sir Gilbert Vyle has had a long and distinguished career in British industry. An electrical engineer, he has filled many important posts.

Lord Weir who was created a Baron in 1918 distinguished himself during the war when he was a member of the Air Board and director of air craft production.

Sir Alan Henderson is an authority on industrial law and matters will be Sir Edward

SMALL-POX SCARE ON LINER.

1,500 Passengers Vaccinated.

FALSE ALARM.

Liverpool, To-day.

How a ship's doctor, assisted by two Army medics going home on leave, vaccinated 1,500 passengers, and the crew, in two days, following a smallpox scare, was told when the liner Tuscania from Bombay docked at Liverpool to-day.

Great excitement was caused when the liner's gangways were roped off and ambulances kept in waiting. But it was all in vain for it was discovered that the suspected patient, a girl of thirteen, was suffering from chicken-pox only.

After several hours had been occupied with a medical inspection all of the 1,500 passengers were allowed to go ashore.

DE VALERA REMAINS ADAMANT

"DEAD TIMBER" REMOVAL

OATH BILL IN THIRD READING.

London, Yesterday.

The Opposition's attempts to force the issue whether the Anglo-Irish Treaty is to be scrapped failed to draw Mr. de Valera in the debate on the third reading of the Oath of Allegiance Bill.

"The House is not discussing the Validity of the Treaty, but the Bill to remove the dead timber from the Free State Constitution," he said, resisting an amendment by ex-Minister Blythe to retain the present Oath but making the taking thereof optional.

Mr. Blythe urged that the Treaty should not be ended by unilateral action but Mr. de Valera retorted that they were not interfering with any validity the Treaty may have. — Reuter.

SIGN TRUCE TO-MORROW

Ceremony Fixed For 10 O'clock.

MANY DELEGATES IN SICK-BEDS.

Drafting Committee Meets To-day.

Shanghai, To-day.

The Shanghai armistice agreement, officially ending the hostilities which opened on January 28, will be signed to-morrow morning at 10 o'clock.

The drafting committee is holding its final meeting this afternoon.

The signing will be an unusual ceremony as half the delegates are confined to their houses or hospital with injuries or sickness.

Mr. Quo Tai-chi will sign at his house because of the injuries he received yesterday. Then Mr. Shigemitsu and General Ueda will sign from their hospital beds, and Mr. Wilden will sign at his house, on account of sickness.

Finally, Sir Miles Lampson, Mr. Johnson, Signor Ciano, General Tai Chi and General Gaston Wang will sign at the British Consulate, where all the negotiations were carried on. — Reuter.

TWO BILLION DEFICIT IN AMERICA.

Estimate for First Ten Fiscal Months.

Washington, To-day.

A Treasury deficit of \$2,334,000,000 at the conclusion of the first 10 months of the fiscal year is estimated. — Reuter's American Service.

To meet the tremendous deficit President Hoover is proposing drastic steps for new taxation. The United States Senate recently rejected a Bill for the introduction of a Sales Tax.

SHANGHAI CHINESE IN PANIC.

THE ATTACK ON QUO TAI-CHI.

Official Regret Expressed.

TRIBUTE FROM NANKING LEADER.

Nanking, To-day.

Mr. Wang Ching-wei to-day issued the following statement concerning the attack on Mr. Quo Tai-chi:

"Representing China at the Shanghai armistice negotiations, Mr. Quo Tai-chi, and Gaston Wang, in performing their important duties, always assumed a frank and appropriate attitude and it is generally recognised that they have performed their duties well.

"Furthermore, throughout the progress of the negotiations they have always reported the proceedings to the Government for instructions and have strictly adhered to the policy outlined by the Government. Any decision of the Government must be discussed and unanimously adopted by the State Council, and no member of the Government is individually responsible for any Government decision.

"On the receipt of information regarding the attack on Mr. Quo Tai-chi, Government leaders cannot but feel the deepest regret and sympathy." — Reuter.

Lawless Elements.

Mr. Wang Ching-wei said: "Mr. Quo Tai-chi has faithfully and creditably performed his duties and it is plain that the attack on him was planned and instigated by a few lawless elements, and for those who seek shelter in the foreign concessions while making their special pastime the disturbance of peace and order there must be a severe punishment in order to put a stop to such mischievous and contemptible activities." — Reuter.

SITUATION IN CANTON.

Air Force Changes.

Canton, Yesterday.

The reorganization of the Naval and Air forces, which has put General Chan Chai-tong in complete control here has disrupted the political situation. General Chan's troops are in full control of Canton and changes are expected in the important Government posts.

The naval and air force commanders have co-operated in the move and gunboats are being sent to Tong Ka Wan near Macao.

In spite of the changes in the government there has been no fighting in Canton according to reports coming from Shamsen. The public have accepted the changes quietly and business has gone on as usual.

The change in allegiance by the air force is attributed to the shortage of money which has been so stringent that many pilots have received no pay for several months.

CHAPLIN TO ARRIVE HERE, MAY 11.

Accompanied by Brother.

After several times postponing his departure, once owing to illness, Charlie Chaplin, the famous film comedian, will leave Singapore on Saturday next, May 6, en route for Hong Kong, where he will be accompanied by his brother, Syd Chaplin, and will arrive here on May 11.

JAPANESE MARINES IN UGLY SCENE

ENTER SETTLEMENT AND ATTACK CHINESE

AMERICANS RESTORE ORDER

PROVOCATION OF STONE-THROWING AT PATROLS.

(From Our Own Correspondent).

Shanghai, To-day.

What might have assumed graver dimensions, involving international complications, was narrowly averted late on Tuesday night when Japanese marines with fixed bayonets entered the International Settlement by climbing the Sinza Road Bridge Gate from Chapei and assaulted a score of Chinese civilians.

The marines raided shops, stabbed several Chinese with bayonets and clubbed others with rifle butts.

PANIC ENSUES.

They threw the residents of that vicinity into a panic. Thinking that hostilities had been resumed, the residents had windows and doors hastily barred and locked.

Normality was only restored after the arrival of American Infantry patrols and Municipal police.

The incident arose from alleged stone-throwing by Chinese at the Japanese patrols on the Chapei side of Szechow Creek which incensed the latter, who arrested two Chinese attempting to drag them across the bridge into Chapei. A struggle developed.

A regular melee followed the Japanese persisting in their attempts to take the captives to the other side, despite the remonstrances of Police officers. They even attempted to arrest a Municipal Chinese detective who was accompanying the Police party.

It almost seemed that an ugly incident was inevitable but Major Gerow just then arrived with a platoon of soldiers. He conferred with the Officer Commanding the Japanese marines.

THREAT OF RE-ENTRY.

The latter insisted on written guarantees promising no recurrence of stone-throwing which were readily given, whereupon the Japanese patrols were withdrawn.

The Japanese officer was in the meanwhile stressing that if the Chinese persist in throwing stones at the Japanese, he would not hesitate to re-enter the Settlement over the same bridge.

Ten Chinese were medically treated for injuries. Patrols of American Infantry and additional police maintained order in the neighbourhood for the remainder of the night.

Diplomatic correspondence arising from the incident is expected to ensue.

Reuter's Account.

Shanghai, Yesterday.

An ugly incident which might have led to serious consequences occurred on Monday night when Japanese soldiers entered the Western district of the International Settlement and attempted to arrest a number of Chinese who, it is alleged, were throwing stones at the Japanese patrols in the neighbourhood of the Wuchen Road bridge, which spans the Szechow Creek.

Settlement police and American troops, in whose sector the incident took place, hurried to the scene and found a struggle in progress. However, they succeeded in pacifying the Japanese, who eventually withdrew, on receiving an assurance that no further stone-throwing would occur.

Ten Chinese were injured in the scuffle, three of which were taken to hospital.

The entry of the Japanese soldiers into the Settlement threw into a panic the Chinese residents in the neighbourhood who, thinking hostilities had broken out again, fled in all directions. — Reuter.

League's Findings.
Geneva, Yesterday.

The Chinese Government no longer exercises its authority in any part of Manchuria, according to the preliminary report of the Committee headed by Lord

Lytton who is investigating on behalf of the League. It states that the Manchukuo army has been reformed and under Japanese tutelage is operating against the forces which do not recognise the new regime. The Japanese maintain that at present it is impossible to withdraw troops without endangering their nationals outside the railway zone. — Reuter.

London Opinion.

London, Yesterday.

The Manchester Guardian is alarmed at the League Council's policy, which it says, is "too cautious to be sensible", and asks whether the League will have any effect. (Continued on Page 15)

TO REDUCE TIN OUTPUT.

An International Agreement.

London, Yesterday.

The International Tin Committee's recommendation that 20,000 tons be cut from the production has been accepted by Bolivia, Mexico, the Dutch East Indies and Nigeria. This cut is to be effective from June 1. — Reuter.

ROUND HONG KONG'S CINEMA THEATRES

OFFICIAL SOURCES.

"HONEYMOON LANE."

There seems to be a trend, among the newer productions of Hollywood, toward simplicity and charm in talkie plots, a trend toward warm and appealing heart-interest. Eddie Dowling gives a splendid example of this seeming vogue in "Honey-moon Lane," his first picture since "The Rainbow Man," which is showing at the Central Theatre to-day.

"Honey-moon Lane" is far, far removed from the blood-curdling, or jazzy films of a few months ago. It is brimful with romantic fervour, seasoned with plenty of chuckles and outright laughs, and played by a brilliant cast of actors including Ray Dooling, June Collyer, Raymond Hatton, Noah Beery, Mary Carr, Corliss Palmer and Ethel Wales.

The story tells of how young love and faith calmly over-ride the machinations of plotters, thugs and even ill circumstance. Eddie Dowling, who as a brilliant playwright and stage star has the reputation of never writing or appearing in a flop production, upholds that tradition in this show. He and June Collyer are seen as the lovers. Mary Carr is the adorable Mother Murphy. Raymond Hatton, a sure-fire comedian, assisted by the former wrestling champion, George Kotsanos, appear as a couple of side-splitting gambling house bouncers. Noah Beery is the villainous uncle—and Ray Dooling, comedienne of the Follies for ten years, provides much fun as a sort of flibbertigibbet around Mother Murphy's hotel.

ALEKO AND PANTHEA.

It is claimed for Aleko and Panthea who are appearing to-day, at the Queen's Theatre that they are mind readers and are able to answer questions about anything or anybody. It is said that should you desire to know whom you will marry they are able to tell you; that should you want to learn what business you should engage in to be successful, they will impart the information; that should you wish to discover the whereabouts of some missing relatives or friends, they will supply it, and so on.

It appears, too, that Professor Aleko is a psychologist and he claims to be able to impart a knowledge of mental science in such a manner that he who runs may read, and understand. He emphasises the importance of mental attitude towards the problems that have to be faced by each of us in the battle of life, and submits that there is no philosophy or science by which a man can arrive at success, when he is facing the other way, when every step he takes is on the road to failure when he talks like a failure, acts like a failure.

Prosperity, he says, begins in the mind and is impossible while the mental attitude is hostile to it. No one can become prosperous while he really expects or half expects to be always poor, for holding the poverty-thought keeps him in touch with poverty-producing conditions.

"DANGER LIGHTS."

The shriek of a locomotive whistle sounds in the distance. An automobile driver stops at a railroad crossing. He looks to his left—but almost before he can turn his head a train thunders by.

A railroad semaphore projects horizontally as the train enters the "block"—but before it gets settled

it rises again to indicate the next mile is "clear."

Speed! Delirious speed! "What's all the rush?" queries the auto driver.

"Cut!" calls the director, as cameras are stopped. It was Robert Armstrong, featured player, opening the throttle on a locomotive—opening it wider than it ever had been opened before, attaining a speed of more than 100 miles an hour on rails, something almost unheard of.

Yet that is what happened for scenes in Radio Pictures' spectacular all-taking railroad drama "Danger Lights" appearing on Sunday at the Queen's Theatre.

The mad race of a special train against time marks the thrilling climax of the picture, which is said to be full of thrills as well as romance.

Armstrong learned to drive an engine in two weeks. He piloted the special train for scene after scene at breakneck speed over mountains, through gorges, along the plains and into cities, finally pulling to a halt in Chicago where Louis Wolheim, playing the part of an injured division superintendent, was taken to a hospital.

Railroad men with years of experience declared they never had seen a train go as fast as Armstrong drove the special—it was truly a record run!

"KEPT HUSBANDS."

Having as its theme the problem of a poor young man who marries a rich society belle and is forced into an idler's life as a consequence, Radio Pictures' "Kept Husbands," opening to-day at the Queen's Theatre, deals with an intensely human subject.

Cast in the film are Dorothy Mackaill, Joel McCrea, Clara Kimball Young and Bryant Washburn. "Kept Husbands" was produced under the direction of Lloyd Bacon.

"THE NIGHT ANGEL."

The popularity of the Nancy Carroll-Fredric March team as a romantic duo has been responsible for the fact that Paramount has again cast them together in one of the most important dramatic romances of the season—"The Night Angel" which comes to the King's Theatre next Sunday.

March and Miss Carroll were last seen together in "Laughter"—the story of a show girl who married for money and then regretted that she had ever deserted her musician boyfriend.

In "The Night Angel" Miss Carroll, is an impoverished countess. Her scapegrace mother operates a cabaret in her home city of Prague, gay capital of Bohemia, and Nancy is the chief entertainer in this colourful resort.

Edmund Goulding, the author and director of "The Trespasser" and "The Devil's Holiday" wrote and directed "The Night Angel" at Paramount's New York studios. Among the prominent Broadway actors who play important supporting roles are Phoebe Foster, Alison Skipworth, Donald Meek, Cora Witherspoon, Clarence Derwent and Estelle Winwood.

"DELICIOUS."

What is said to be a new technique in the presentation of songs in motion pictures occurs in "Delicious," the new Fox musical romance, starring Janet Gaynor and Charles Farrell, showing at the King's Theatre, to-day.

Miss Gaynor, seen as a little

FAKE BREACH OF PROMISE CLAIMS.

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For one reason or another, the country stay is prolonged. The young man's ardour cools. His letters decrease in number and finally stop.

But the letters of the first week remain. The girl threatens to sue him for breach or promise. Faced with those letters and their known "partnership," the only alternative of exposure, is to buy her silence—and, often, to go on buying it for the rest of his life. Unfortunately, the police are powerless, because these cases rarely come into court.

LIVERPOOL COTTON MARKET.

Firmer Conditions.

Liverpool, Apr. 23. In the "spot" raw cotton market during the past week demand has been irregular, with a smaller turnover.

The futures market early in the week continued its waiting attitude, but business was sufficient to maintain a steady undertone. The announcement in the Budget statement of the formation of an exchange equalisation account encouraged buyers and, with lack of offerings of raw cotton, firmer conditions prevailed.

Prices for Egyptian cotton improved with American values and further advanced on a considerable amount of short covering.

Scotch immigrant wail, first hears the words of "Delicious," a song written about her by a Russian suitor aboard the boat on which she is coming to America, when she and the poet steal into the first cabin in order to use the piano. They have no business there, and are allowed to remain only when Charles Farrell, a young sportsman and polo player, also a passenger on the boat, intervenes on their behalf.

As the musician, portrayed by Raul Roulien, sends the lilting tune into the air from the piano, it is immediately picked up and spread over the liner in a number of surprising ways.

In addition to "Delicious," the picture features five other songs specially composed by George Gershwin, one of which is his newest contribution to serious music, the "New York Rhapsody," said to be a companion-piece to his immortal "Rhapsody in Blue."

David Butler directed "Delicious," which features in the cast, El Brendel, Raul Roulien, Lawrence O'Sullivan, Manya Roberti, Virginia Cherrill, Olive Tell and scores of others.

RADIO TO-DAY'S PROGRAMME.

The following programme will be broadcast to-day from the Hong Kong Broadcasting Station Z.B.W. on a wavelength of 855 metres (845 K.C.'s):—

5-7 p.m.—Chinese Programme.
6-6.20 p.m.—Children's Concert.
7-10.30 p.m.—European Programme of Victor Records.

7.03-7.32 p.m.—Operatic.
Cavalleria Rusticana—Selection (Mascagni).
Aida—There Where the Virgin Forests Rise (Verdi).
Elisabeth Reihberg and Giacomo Lauri-Volpi (8160).

Pagliacci—Fantasy (Leoncavallo, arr. Tavan).
Marek Weber & His Orchestra (V-50017).
Samson et Dalila—Pause, My Brothers (Saint-Saens).
Giovanni Martinelli (Tenor) (8159).

8 p.m.—Local Time.
7.32-8.20 p.m.—A Concert.
Piano Solo—
Alt-Wien (Old Vienna) (Godowsky).
Prelude in A Minor (Debussy).
Isabelle Yalkovsky (4115).

Song—
By the Waters of Minnetonka (Lieurance).
Trees (Kilmer-Rasbach).
Ernestine Schumann-Heink (Contralto) (1198).

Mandolin Solo—
Sousvire, Barcarolle, Humoresque (arr. De Pace).
Neapolitan Caprice (De Pace).
Bernardo De Pace (20670).

Chorus—
Springtime (Mildenberg).
The Glow-Worm (Lincke).
Boys and Girls Chorus of Brooklyn (35814).

Violin Solo—
Ruralia Hungarica—Presto (Dohnanyi).
Ruralia Hungarica—Molto Vivace, (Dohnanyi).
Fritz Kreisler (1428).

Song—
Mother, My Dear (Nolen-Trehaner).
A Brown Bird Singing (Barrie-Haydn Wood).
John McCormack (Tenor) (1137).

8.20-8.40 p.m.—Band Selections.
Trovatore—Anvil Chorus (Verdi).
Forge in the Forest (Michaells).
Arthur Fygar's Band (18997).
The Black Horse Troop (Souza).
The National Game (Souza).
Souza's Band (19741).

The Princeton Football Medley (arr. Weaver).
(a) The Orange and the Black.
(b) Old Nassau (arr. Weaver).
Princeton University Band (20355).

8.40-9.20 p.m.—Variety.
Humorous Song—
I'm the Last of the Red Hot Mamas.
He's a Good Man to Have Around.
Sophie Tucker (21994).

Instrumental—
Medley.
Waionale—Medley.
Royal Hawaiian Trio (20281).

Song—
The Rogue Song.
The Narrative.
Lawrence Tibbett (Baritone). (1449).

Organ Solo—
Siboney.
Maria My Own.
Jesse Crawford (22748).

Humorous Monologue—
The Trick Boys.
Marshall Cole (22305).

Instrumental—
Happy Days.
Herd Girl's Dream.
Neapolitan Trio (19872).

9.20-10 p.m.—
Quintette in F Minor (Brahms—Op. 34).
Played by Harold Bauer & the Monzley Quartet (M-10).

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Social Functions.

To-day—Tea Dances at Hong Kong Hotel and King's Restaurant; Dinner Dances at Hong Kong, Repulse Bay and Peninsula Hotels, and King's Restaurant.

May 6—Overseas League Concert, Helena May Institute.

Entertainments.

To-day—King's Theatre: "Delicious."

To-day—Queen's Theatre: "Kept Husbands."

To-day—Central Theatre: "Honey-moon Lane."

To-day—Majestic Theatre: "So This Is Paradise."

To-day—Star Theatre: "General Crack."

Lammerts' Auction.

May 10—At Kowloon Naval Depot, old and surplus Victualling stores, 9.30 a.m.

Home Mails.

To-day—Inward from Europe via Suez (Ranchi); Outward for Europe via Siberia (Asama Maru), 8.30 a.m.

To-morrow—Outward for Europe via Siberia (Ranchi) 10.30 a.m.

Meetings.

To-morrow—Hong Kong General Chamber of Commerce, Messrs. Jardine Matheson's Boardroom, 4.15 p.m.

To-morrow—S.P.C.A. Meeting, Messrs. Jardine's Offices, 5.15 p.m.
May 18—Fifty-first ordinary meeting of Indo-China Steam Navigation Co., Ltd., Messrs. Jardine Matheson's Offices, noon.

May 19—Fifty-first ordinary General Meeting of The Canton Insurance Office, Ltd., Messrs. Jardine Matheson's Office, noon.

May 27—Union Insurance Society of Canton Ltd., China Fire Insurance Co., Ltd., British Trader's Insurance Co., Ltd., 11 a.m., 11.15 a.m., and 11.20 a.m. respectively, at Union Building.

SIR KINGSLEY WOOD ON ADVERTISING.

Telegraph Letters.

Sir Kingsley Wood, M.P., the Postmaster General, addressing the Grimsby Chamber of Commerce, said he was a great believer in newspaper advertising. Publicity and advertising were all the more necessary when times were difficult, and their results must be judged not only in relation to the number of new customers secured but of old customers retained.

He was endeavouring to make an improvement in the night telegraph-letter service. At present the service was limited and a night telegraph-letter could be sent only between any two towns of which the telegraph office was open during the night. The extension of the service which he hoped to effect in a short time was to make it possible for a letter telegram to be sent to virtually any town postal area in Great Britain.

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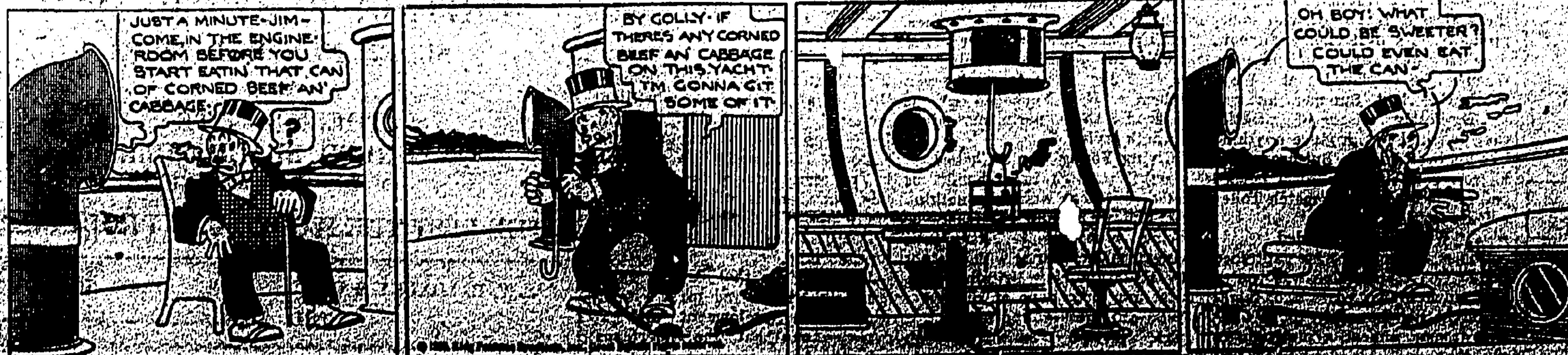


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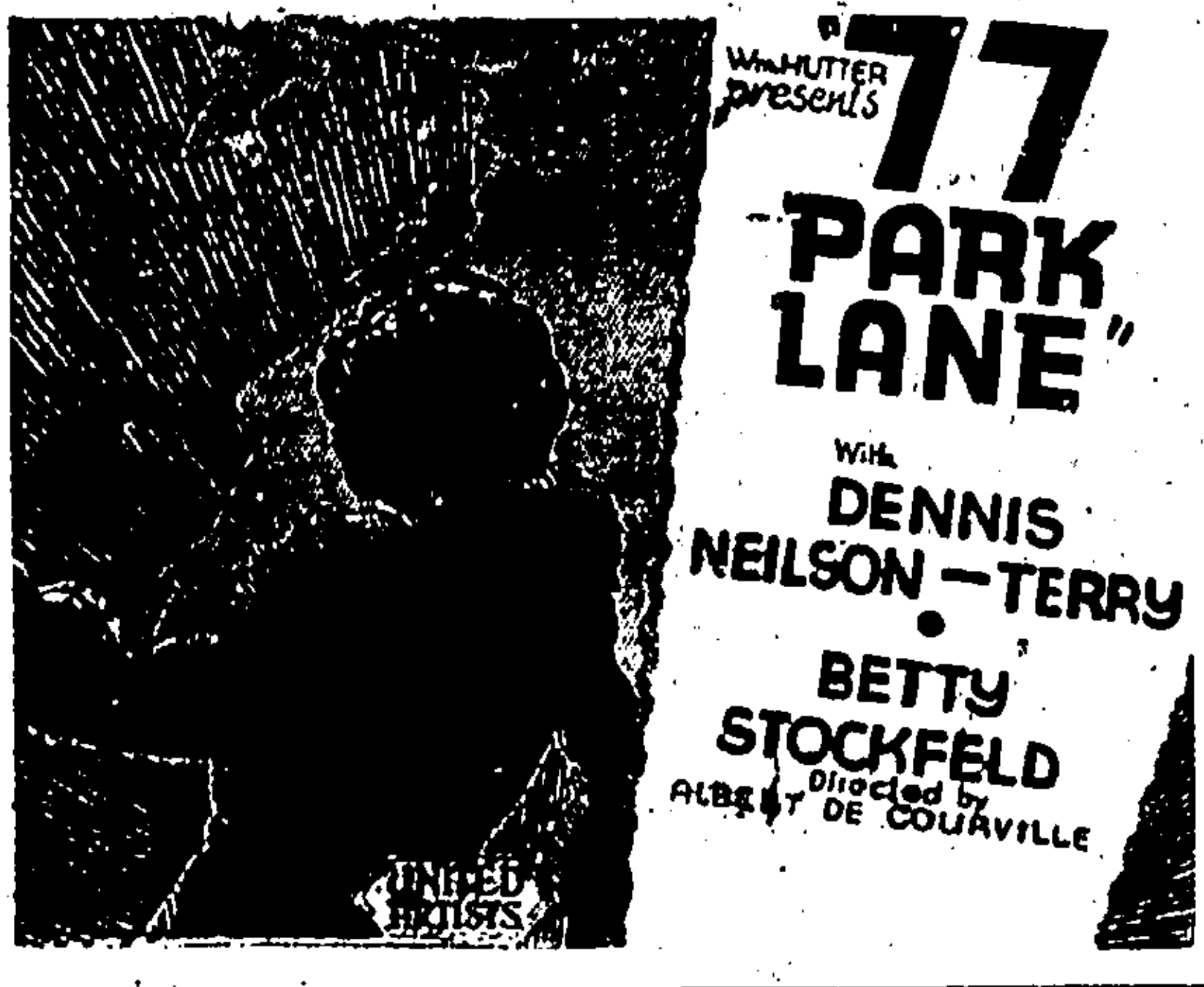
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CURRENT SPORTING GOSSIP

BRITAIN'S WALKER CUP CHALLENGE

T. A. TORRANCE CAPTAIN?

PERKINS LOST TO BRITISH SIDE AS NOW NATURALISED AMERICAN.

WEATHERED POSSIBILITY

It is encouraging to think that Britain is to make a whole-hearted attempt on the Walker Cup this year. The selectors could hardly repeat the disastrous tactics of the Ryder Cup authorities, and send a team over that could hardly walk.

It is, however, extremely improbable that in these hard times, anything like a whole British team as originally chosen, will be able to make the journey. The selectors' choice will, therefore, be limited accordingly to those who can afford to accept.

The Royal and Ancient Golf Club, St. Andrew, has announced that the following players have been invited to represent Great Britain against America for the Walker Cup in the Autumn:

J. T. Bookless (Inverness).
John Burke (Lahinch), Ireland.
Leonard G. Crawley (Brancepeth Castle).

W. Lister Harley (Chislehurst).
Rex Hartley (Chislehurst).

Eric McRivie (Leven Thistle).
J. A. Stout (Bridlington), and

T. A. Torrance (Sandy Lodge).

All indications point to T. A. Torrance as the probable Captain of the side.

The date and venue of the match has yet to be arranged. It will take place in America, probably a week before the American Amateur Championship, which is fixed to take place at Baltimore, Maryland, on September 12 and following days.

Although only eight players have so far been invited it is highly probable that other names will be announced after the decision of the British Amateur Championship at Muirfield, Haddingtonshire, which is now in full swing.

Mr. Gullen, secretary of the Royal and Ancient Club, made no announcement regarding the captaincy when issuing the names of the invited players.

Torrance's Victories.
All the invited players have taken part in home international matches, but only Torrance, Rex Hartley, and Stout have played against America.

In the last two Walker Cup matches Torrance was the only British player to win his single matches, beating "Chick" Evans at Wheaton, Illinois, by one hole in 1928 and Francis Outmet (who has been selected as this year's captain of the American team) at Sandwich, Kent, in 1930, by seven up and six to play.

Crawley, holds the English native championship; McRivie is the Irish open champion, and was boy champion in 1926, and Stout was English native champion in 1928.

Torrance Accepts.

Mr. Torrance said: "I shall certainly accept the invitation. I have not been invited to captain the team. If I were, could I possibly refuse? I have had much experience against American players in the States which must be valuable."

Perkins Unavailable.

T. P. Perkins, who won the British Amateur Championship in 1928, and has played so remarkably well since his emigration to America, has now become a naturalised American and so is lost to Britain.

The other big English golfer over there already is Tolley, who would probably be a first choice, anyhow, provided he were in practice. When he played at Westward Ho! last Summer he was so hopelessly short of practice that he could not produce anything like his best form. But presuming he can get into the form needed before the Walker Cup match Tolley will be Britisher No. 1.

Weathered Disasters.

Roger Wethered, who captained the British team which was routed at Sandwich two years ago, might or might not be able to go. It has become almost a platitude to say that "his day" Wethered

might beat anybody but that on other occasions anybody might beat him. Whether it is wise to take such a risk, or whether it would be wiser to make room for some promising youngster who would otherwise be crowded out, is an excellent illustration of the sort of problem one thankfully leaves to the unfortunate selectors.

Whethered himself was very young when he first came to the front, as Captain of Oxford in 1919, by laying out all the leading experts, one after another, in club matches. Since then he has had a brilliant innings. If he were to give up now a new captain would have to be found—an immensely important appointment.

Leonard Crawley.

Next on the list to catch the eye of the selectors is Leonard Crawley, English champion holder of the President's Putter and as doughty a fighter as anyone who ever swung a club. He gave one the impression at Hunstanton, where he won his first championship after a series of hair-raising matches in which he was generally about three down and four to play, of discovering to his own surprise that he was quite a respectable golfer. Cricket and racquets he knew he could play, but golf he thought beyond his ken. Thereafter, accordingly, he did take himself seriously as a golfer, and since he has gone from strength to strength until now he is a very formidable player indeed.

This year, however, he met his match when opposed to the youthful Eric Fiddian.

Then there are the Hartley brothers, perhaps worth playing as a foursome pair alone. But if either had to be left out it should not be W. L. He is a powerful easy golfer with a lovely swing, and has been playing beautiful golf for some time past.

What Of Scotland?

But all these five are Englishmen. Now what of Scotland? Tony Torrance, aged forty-two, has won two out of three singles played, a better record than any other Britisher can show in the whole series. W. L. Hope, a London Scot, has been playing magnificently throughout the Winter. He is a fitter man now than he has been for years, and if he can keep fit there are few better golfers in either hemisphere. He has a rare knack of going on hitting iron shots ruled on the pin, like a professional.

Another Scot is Eric McRivie, with something very like a touch of genius about him. All are agreed that here is a lad who is so good that if a special effort is to be made to send anybody, that somebody ought to be young McRivie.

There are eight names, the father of the party being T. A. Torrance. But there are shoals of other young men, in the twenties, coming on, and if Tolley were to meet seven of them at New York and act as chaperone, the experiment might be worth trying.

Giving Young Men a Chance.
Doubtless Britain should be beaten, but that would be nothing new, and we should be giving our youngsters the chance which is not only their due, but Britain's best, if not our only, hope of success.

Who are these young men? Eric McRivie, Smith, British Amateur Champion, John de

Home Cricket

(Continued from Page 1.)

Note by Cricketer.

In a season which will decide the selection of the England XI to tour Australia in the 1932-33 season, the eyes of all lovers of cricket will be focused upon the deeds of those who have legitimate claims for inclusion, and probably upon many more; for merit, like beauty, lies in the eyes of the beholders, and it is a pleasing thought that even the humblest of first-class players may not be without his particular champions. All the world indeed will be a selection committee.

Paine's Advance.

Paine, a slow left hander in the early twenties who made progress in the 1930 season, has now developed his powers to the full. Last season he headed the Warwickshire averages with 112 wickets at an average cost of 20.41 runs per wicket in the County Championship, and at the conclusion of the season had an average of 19.20 for 127 wickets, being above such bowlers as Voce, Mitchell (Derby), J. C. White, Durston; P. G. H. Fender, V. W. C. Jupp and both the Staples brothers.

Best Performances.

Learning to flight the ball more effectively as well as to impart more spin, Paine had numerous days of success last season, among his most notable performances being 8 for 60 in the two innings at Worcester; 6 for 42 against the same team at Edgbaston; 7 for 87 against Hampshire at Southampton; and 8 for 44 against Northants at Peterborough.

Durston the Old-Timer.

Durston, who is now in his thirty-eighth year, has lost most of his speed, but is still a bowler to be conjured with. Last season he was more effective than in the previous season, but he is not now a patch on what he was when he was so much associated with Murrell behind the sticks. His best performance last season was against Somerset at Lord's when he captured half their wickets for 42 runs. He concluded the season with 70 wickets for an average of 21.91.

England's Captain?

Jardine, who has succeeded P. G. H. Fender as the Surrey skipper, is seriously in the running for the captaincy of the England XI to tour Australia. A dogged batsman with an eagle eye Jardine concluded last season with an average of 64.94 for thirty innings, being third in the averages to Sutcliffe and the Nawab of Pataudi.

Hobbs Still Active.

The rumours which state that Hobbs is thinking of retirement from first-class cricket are entirely without foundation. Hobbs has yet many years of cricket before him and it will occasion no surprise if he plays sufficiently well to earn his place beside Sutcliffe in Australia, although it is extremely doubtful. He is taking County Cricket a little more lightly than he did of yore, and it is possible that he may stand down from the team during this Summer's long programme. Though Hobbs is still rattling up useful scores it must be remembered that he is now in his fiftieth year, and the strain of three days' cricket is beginning to tell on him. Last season he had the modest average of 56.23 for 49 innings!

Gregory as a Bowler.

Gregory is a slow bowler who is more useful with the bat than the ball, although he has been more than useful with the latter on occasion. He is yet young and has plenty of opportunities ahead of him. Last season he captured 48 wickets for Surrey at an average of 28.72 in the Championship.

To-day's Matches.

The following are the first-class matches which will be commenced to-day:—

Forest, runner-up; Dale Bourne; the Fiddian Brothers—two brilliant young players; Dr. D. H. T. Martin, E. R. Tippet, and numerous others. Bobby Jones and Von Elm will be two terrors out of the American side, but there is still Don J. Mos, and a host of other promising players who are as common as blackberries in that land.

It is obvious that Britain must start right now, and form a team which, with development and experience, can beat the Americans in time!

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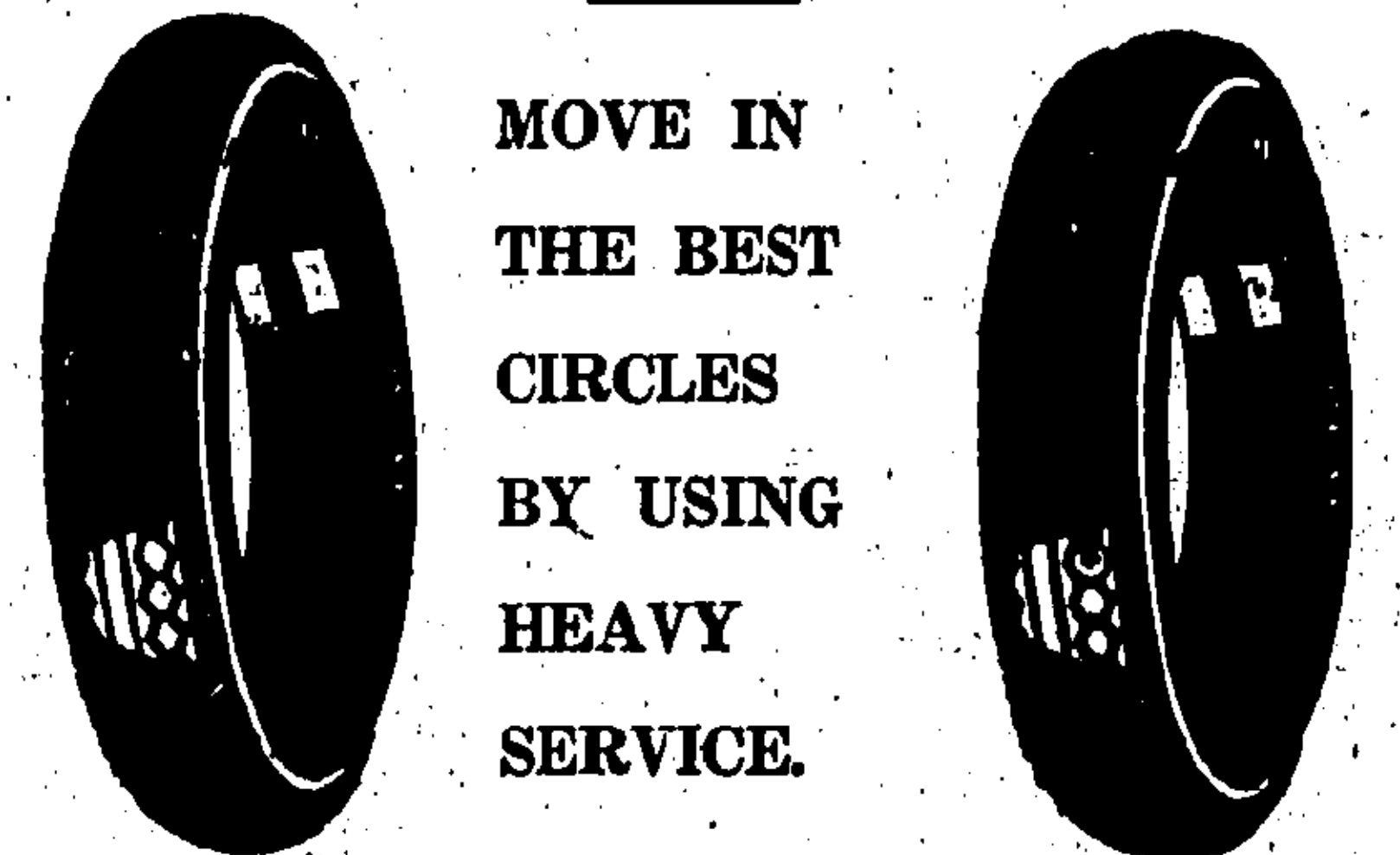
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ENCARNACAO IN PUBLIC'S EYE

The weather remained favourable for the third day of the Shanghai Jockey Club's Spring Meeting and thirteen events were again on the card.

Mr. House proved to be the most successful jockey, capturing two wins, a second and two thirds. Mr. McBain and Mr. Sokoloff both brought in two winners.

The following results are published through the courtesy of the Hong Kong Club:—

The Yangtze Cup. For China Ponies. One mile. C. E. & S. A. S. Plying (Encarnacao) 1	Shamoon's The Golden Moon (Deitz) 2
We Two's School Boy (Maitland) 2	Fifth Avenue (Encarnacao) 3
Mme. Gaby Speciman's Le Corsaire (McBain) 3	The Chinghai Cup. For Griffins of this Meeting. Seven furlongs. Liddell's Playhouse (House) 1
Time: 2 mins. 09.1/5 secs.	A. O. Fisher's Dictator (Pote-Hunt) 2
The Hoot Legacy Cup. For China Ponies. Half Mile. M. M. Sokoloff's Windmill Plane (Sokoloff) 1	Massachusetts' News Boy (J. O. Harris) 3
Time: 2 mins. 41.3/5 secs.	The Ningpo Cup. For Third Class Ponies. 1 1/4 miles. W. L. McCann's Royal Hussar (Dallas) 1
S. A. Judah's Great Triumph (Judah) 2	M. K. A. Anzac (House) 2
Time: 56.4/5 secs.	E. B. C.'s Pride (Parkin) 3
The Racing Stakes. For third and fourth class Ponies. One Mile. Sing Lee's Slavanna (Marshall) 1	Time: 1 min. 47.4/5 secs.
Connemara's St. Patrick (W. L. McCann) 2	The Shanghai Stakes. For China Ponies. One mile and half. Lads' Fireflash (Encarnacao) 1
Jerami's Pop (House) 3	Pay's Hurry On (Dallas) 2
Time: 2 mins. 7.4/5 secs.	Jim's Super Rapid Extra (Judah) 3
The Rubicon Plate. For Griffins of this Meeting. One mile and a quarter. Owen & Co.'s Phylar (House) 1	Time: 3 mins. 17 secs.
Lads' Bad Lad (Encarnacao) 2	The Newchwang Cup. For second and third class Ponies. 1 1/4 furlongs. Hardy's Betterment (Liestner) 1
Law and Highbury's Glen Quich (Dallas) 3	R. H. McNair's Vecheerock (Roth) 2
Time: 2 mins. 43.2/5 secs.	Billy Reynell's Marksmanship (Ferguson) 3
The Dalny Scramble. For Fourth Class Ponies. Half a mile. Arfano (McBain) 1	Time: 2 mins. 55.4/5 secs.
Silver Moon (Deitz) 2	The Griffins Scramble. For Griffins of this Meeting. Half a mile. Mr. Morn's Battle Morn (Sokoloff) 1
Robson's The French Bird (Marshall) 3	Mr. & Mrs. A. V. White's Lapland (Pote Hunt) 2
The Chefoo Handicap. "A" Class. For Club's Subscription Griffins. One mile. Elm's Silver Grey (McBain) 1	Me's Fancy Me (Jensen) 3
Mac's Donny V (Wells Henderson) 2	Time: 57 secs.
Wallace & Mauld's Rushaway (House) 3	
Time: 2 mins. 10.1/5 secs.	
"B" Class. Robson's The Land Bird (W. L. McCann) 1	

TWO DAVIS CUP FIRST ROUND MATCHES.

Switzerland & Hungary in Good Positions.

KEHRLING'S EASY WIN.

Two first-round contests in the 1932 Davis Cup encounter were commenced yesterday. In Brussels, Switzerland gained a two-love advantage over Belgium while in Budapest Hungary won both singles matches against Finland.

Brussels, Yesterday. Playing in the first round of the Davis Cup, Switzerland's singles players created a favourable impression against the Belgian exponents.

Full scores as cabled by Reuter were as follow:—

Aeschliman (Switzerland) beat Lacroix (Belgium) 7-5, 6-3, 6-0.
Fisher (Switzerland) beat Deekhouthe (Belgium) 6-1, 6-1, 6-2.

Should Switzerland win the doubles match to-day she will meet the winners of the Monaco-Norway encounter in the second round.

Budapest, Yesterday. Kehrling and Gabrovitz, the Hungarian singles players, proved much too strong for the Finnish players, and their easy victories suggest the early elimination of Finland, in which case Hungary will meet Ireland in the second round.

Full scores as cabled by Reuter were as follow:—
Kehrling (Hungary) beat Blom (Finland) 6-1, 6-2, 6-2.

EDINBURGH ACIES WIN SEVEN-A-SIDE.

Dunfermline Lose at Murrayfield.

BORDER TEAMS NOT REPRESENTED.

London, April 5. At Murrayfield on Saturday the tenth of the annual series of senior seven-a-side Rugby sports, organised by the Edinburgh clubs in aid of the funds of the Royal Infirmary, Edinburgh, was won by Edinburgh Academicals, who defeated Dunfermline in the final by 16 points to 8.

After a forenoon of snow and sleet, the sky cleared brilliantly, but a cold wind adversely affected the attendance, which never exceeded 8,000.

Ten clubs, including Glasgow Academicals and West of Scotland, accepted invitations, but on account of the Gala sports zone of the Border clubs was represented. Their absence was unfortunate, as few of the participating teams showed much conception of the tactics of the seven-a-side game.

A good afternoon's sport was provided, but on the whole the standard of play was disappointing, and there was a noticeable lack of personality engaged, the absence of G. P. S. Macpherson being particularly felt.

Edinburgh (Academicals) 16-8-2.
Dunfermline (Academicals) 8-2-2.
Glasgow (Academicals) 16-8-2.
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RECREIO BOWLERS FOR SATURDAY.

Two Teams for League Encounters.

SENIORS PLAY AWAY.

The following will represent the Club de Recreio in their Lawn Bowls League matches on Saturday:—

1st Division Team v. Police R.C. away at 3.30 p.m.:—
L. F. Xavier, R. R. Roberts, L. C. R. Souza, and R. F. Luz (Skip).

F. A. Xavier, C. A. Lopes, F. X. M. Silva, and C. G. Silva (Skip).

L. A. Gutierrez, F. V. Ribeiro, A. S. Gomes, and C. E. Marques (Skip).

2nd Division v. Kowloon C.C. at home at 3.30 p.m.:—
M. A. Carvalho, C. H. Basto, E. M. Remedios, and Dr. R. A. C. Basto (Skip).

A. A. Xavier, J. M. S. Rosario, J. M. M. Silva, and A. G. Silva (Skip).

F. Prata, F. X. Soares, J. J. Basto, and G. Ozorio (Skip).

CRABBE LOSES NO TIME IN REGAINING RECORD.

Three Hundred Yards Swimming Medley.

SHIELDER'S BAD LUCK.

Newhaven, Conn.

George Kojac of New York Athletic Club has established a world's record in the first heat of the 150 yards backstroke championship of the National Amateur Athletic Union at Yale with a time of 1:37.2-5 seconds.

John Schielder of the University of Michigan also established a world's record in the preliminary heats of the 300 yards medley race. His time was 3 minutes, 36.4-5 seconds. He beat by 1.4-5 seconds the time of Clarence Crabbe who also qualified, but Crabbe, of the Los Angeles Athletic Club, in turn broke the new record by winning the race in 3 minutes, 36.2-5 seconds.

REST XI FOR HOCKEY ENCOUNTER.

Against Champions of Mamak Shield.

MACKAY UNABLE TO PLAY.

The following have been selected to play for "The Rest" hockey eleven against the Radio Sports Club, Champions of the Mamak Shield Tournament, on Saturday at 4.30 p.m. on the Y.M.C.A. ground:—

R. H. Wong (St. Andrew's); K. Mohammed (Police); F. V. Wong (St. Andrew's); T. S. D. Whitley (C.B.A.); W. Reed (Incognitos); D. Davies (C.B.A.); E. V. Reed (Incognitos); N. A. E. Mackay (St. Andrew's); C. C. Francis (C.B.A.); W. G. Johnson (C.B.A.); and Lt. Whiteaway-Wilkinson (Signals).

Reserves: R. Blackburn (Police); A. Beltrac (Incognitos); and R. C. Reed (Incognitos).

Referees: A. A. Dand and Cpl. Knight.

The China Mail is informed that Mackay will be unable to play as he has been selected to represent the Rest XI against the Interport Cricket XI on Saturday. It is understood that R. C. Reed will take his place.

The death has occurred, at the age of 64, of William Lockwood, the famous Surrey, Notts and England cricketer.

DEATH OF WILLIAM LOCKWOOD.

Surrey Fast Bowler's Feat Recalled.

FOUR WICKETS WITH FOUR BALLS AGAINST WARWICKSHIRE AT OVAL.

Fine Test Record.

London, April 28. The death has occurred, at the age of 64, of William Lockwood, the famous Surrey, Notts and England cricketer.

—Reuter.
[The deceased represented England altogether 18 times in Test matches against Australia—eight times at home and five times in Australia. He was one of the few who succeeded in taking four wickets with consecutive balls. He performed this feat in 1891 while playing for Surrey against Warwickshire at the Oval.]

KOWLOON GOLF CLUB SUMMER CUP.

Qualifying Round to Be Played on Sunday.

DRAW COMPLETED.

The draw for the Summer Cup Qualifying round to be played over the Kowloon Course on Sunday has just been completed. The competition is over 18 holes medal play, on handicap, the sixteen best net scores to qualify for match play. Competitors are requested to arrange their own starting times and must be off the first tee before 11.30 a.m.

The following is the draw:—
D. C. Wilson and T. Seddon.
J. S. Smith and G. D. Reid.
H. T. Buxton and W. C. Simpson.
Dr. Cogan and W. S. Hillier.
J. D. Thomson and P. O. Dunne.

A. T. Braley and J. J. King.
W. F. Kerr and T. M. Mitchell.
S. MacNider and W. K. Hillyer.
A. Eastman and H. Hampton.
W. Taylor and W. Groves.

A. Urquhart and R. W. Sapsed.
A. W. Torrible and W. A. Linn.
G. Gellatly and W. Stoker.
C. H. Russell and J. G. Meyer.
P. Planner and W. L. Ramsey.
R. G. Craig and J. McKelvie.

LADY TENNIS PLAYER BREAKS HER LEG.

Mrs. Pittman Out of Action.

WIMBLEDON HOPES.

Mrs. J. B. Pittman, the lawn tennis player who is ranked sixth by the Lawn Tennis Association, is confined to her bed with a broken leg, the accident having occurred at an ice-rink when she was trying to avoid another skater.

Whether she will be fit to appear in the Wimbledon championships in June is doubtful, but she definitely will be unable to take part in the International trials at Queen's Club this month.

Mrs. Pittman reached the third round of the Wimbledon singles last year before having a successful tour in the United States with Miss Joan Ridley; she lost to the American, Miss Helen Jacobs, by 6-0, 6-4.

FIELD FLOOD AND RING

By Athole

Nurmi Reinstated.

It is indeed good to hear that Paavo Nurmi, the most famous runner the world has ever known, is to be reinstated as an amateur. It will be recalled that Nurmi, known as the Flying Finn, was suspended after proof had been placed before the Amateur Athletic Federation to the effect that he had seriously transgressed the rules governing amateurism.

Greatest Ambition.

Nurmi's sensational suspension followed closely on the heels of that of Jules Ladoumègue, the famous French runner and holder of five world's records. His suspension would have meant his debarment from entering the lists at any international meeting, including the Olympic Games at Los Angeles this Summer. It came as a cruel disappointment to him as his greatest ambition has been to win the Olympic Marathon.

Finland Firm.

The reason for the reconsideration of their action on the part of the Amateur Athletic Federation was due to the fact that Finland refused to strike her greatest representative off the rolls. Thus one potential winner has been restored to the path leading to Olympic laurels, but nothing more has been heard of Ladoumègue.

Golfing Freak.

F. Jarman, a professional of the Cavendish Golf Club, Buxton, has accomplished a rare feat in golf when he holed in one for the second time in seven days. The first occasion was at the fourth hole (125 yards) and the second

was at the seventeenth (170 yards). Jarman has holed five tee shots in his career, it being 12 years since he had performed this feat. On each of the last two occasions one of his companions had the unusual experience of holing out in two and yet losing the hole.

Overseas Cricketers.

The cricket season in England, which commenced on Saturday, will witness new arrivals from all over the globe. W. E. Merritt, the New Zealand bowler, has just arrived in England to join a Lancashire League Club; A. G. Fairfax is also joining the same league; and it is rumoured that H. W. Taylor, the South African veteran batsman is on his way to England via Canada.

West Australian Players.

W. Horrocks, the West Australian, who played for Lancashire last season, and who scored an undefeated century against Notts on a difficult wicket, will commence on his second season in England to-day. Last season he scored 271 runs in a dozen innings with an average of 30.11, being fourth in the Lancashire averages.

Whilst speaking of West Australian players it may be worth mentioning that Worcestershire have made an offer to Eric Bromley, who played his first big game at the age of 15, and who recently scored 45 and 78, top score in each innings, against the South Africans.

Being at such a distance from the leading Australian cricket centres, some of the more promising players prefer to look to England for the opportunity of breaking into first-class cricket.

TO-DAY'S ROWING REGATTA.

Royal Artillery Seize All Trophies.

ARGYLLS NOT REPRESENTED.

The Army Rowing Club (H.K. Area) staged their Spring Regatta at the Royal Hong Kong Yacht Club this morning, two races being on the programme. The 20th Heavy Battery R.A., carried off the Brown Cup, and the 12th Heavy Battery R.A., took the Ah King Cup.

Full results were as follow:—

Brown Cup.

(2,000 Yards).

1. 20th Heavy Battery R.A. (42 lbs. ballast).

2. 12th Heavy Battery R.A. (107 lbs.).

3. 31st Heavy Battery R.A. (122 lbs.).

4. "C" Coy. S.W.B. (all).

5. "B" Coy. S.W.B. (24 lbs.).

6. Royal Engineers (67 lbs.).

7. H.Q. S.W.B. (8 lbs.).

8. "A" Coy. S.W.B. (45 lbs.).

Ah King Cup.

(2,000 Yards).

1. 12th Heavy Battery R.A. (82 lbs.).

2. 31st Heavy Battery R.A. (122 lbs.).

3. 20th Heavy Battery R.A. (42 lbs.).

4. Royal Engineers (67 lbs.).

5. "C" Coy. S.W.B. (all).

6. "B" Coy. S.W.B. (24 lbs.).

7. "A" Coy. S.W.B. (45 lbs.).

At the conclusion of the Ah King Cup race, Brigadier R. B. Cousins, D.S.O., presented the Cups and Prizes to the winning crews.

Major P. S. Stewart and Major K. P. Atkinson, M.C., officiated as judges, and Commodore A. H. Walker, O.B.E., R.N., acted as starter and umpire.

Our Sports Diary.

TO-DAY.

HOCKEY—Home Kowloon Club v. Borderers.

THURSDAY.

CRICKET—Interport "New" v. H.K.C.C. at 4.30 p.m.

FRIDAY.

CHERRY—Open Championship.

SATURDAY.

BOWLS—Full League Play.

CRICKET—Interport XI v. Mr. A. B. A. XI at H.K.O.A. at 4.30 p.m.

HOCKEY—Mammoth XI v. Radio Sport (Observers) at 4.30 p.m.

RADIO DEFEAT THE BRIDGEWATER.

Go Nap on Caroline Hill Ground.

G. SINGH'S FOUR.

At Caroline Hill yesterday afternoon, the Radio Sports Club met and defeated H.M.S. Bridgewater by five clear goals in a sportsmanlike encounter. Gurbachan Singh (4) and H. Singh were responsible for the Radio's points.

BATTER'S HARVEST OF HOME RUNS.

American Baseball Scoring Is High.

New York, To-day.

The following were to-day's Baseball results:—

National League.

Philadelphia 4 Boston 7

New York 7 Brooklyn 1

Ott. Koenigke, and Frederick hit home runs, and Brooklyn secured 8 runs in the ninth innings.

Pittsburgh 6 Chicago 1

Barbee and Hack both hit "homers."

St. Louis 9 Cincinnati 1

American League.

Boston 1 Philadelphia 1

Simmons scored a home run.

Washington 5 New York 1

Cleveland 8 St. Louis 1

Center's American Service.

TABLES TO DATE.

National League.

P. W. L.

Boston 15 11 4

Chicago 17 12 5

Philadelphia 17 9 8

Cincinnati 18 8 10

St. Louis 18 8 10

Brooklyn 15 6 9

Pittsburgh 18 7 11

New York 16 6 10

American League.

P. W. L.

Washington 18 14 7

Cleveland 20 12 8

Detroit 17 11 8

New York 18 10 8

St. Louis 18 10 8

Philadelphia 16 11 9

Chicago 18 10 8

Boston 15 11 4

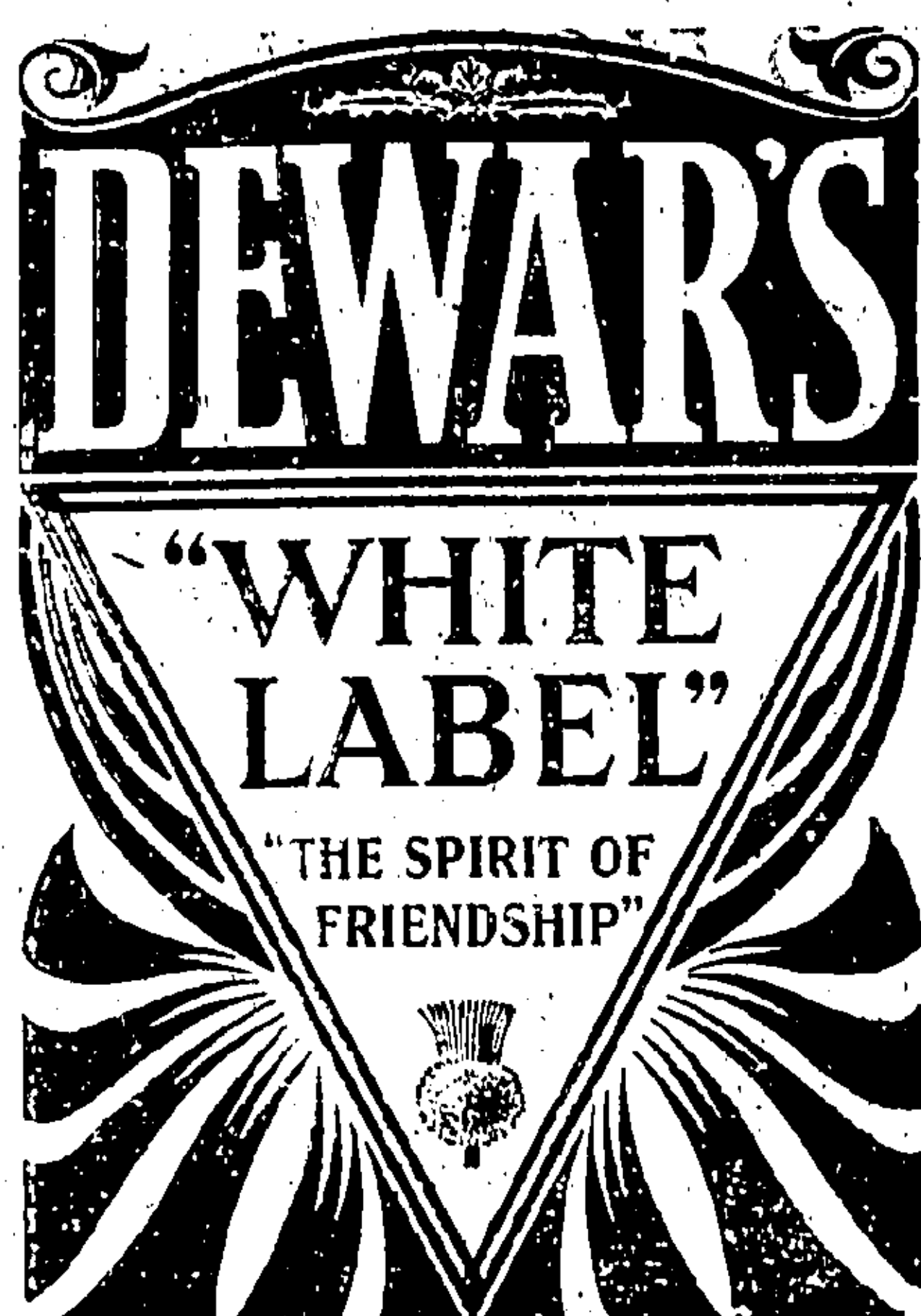


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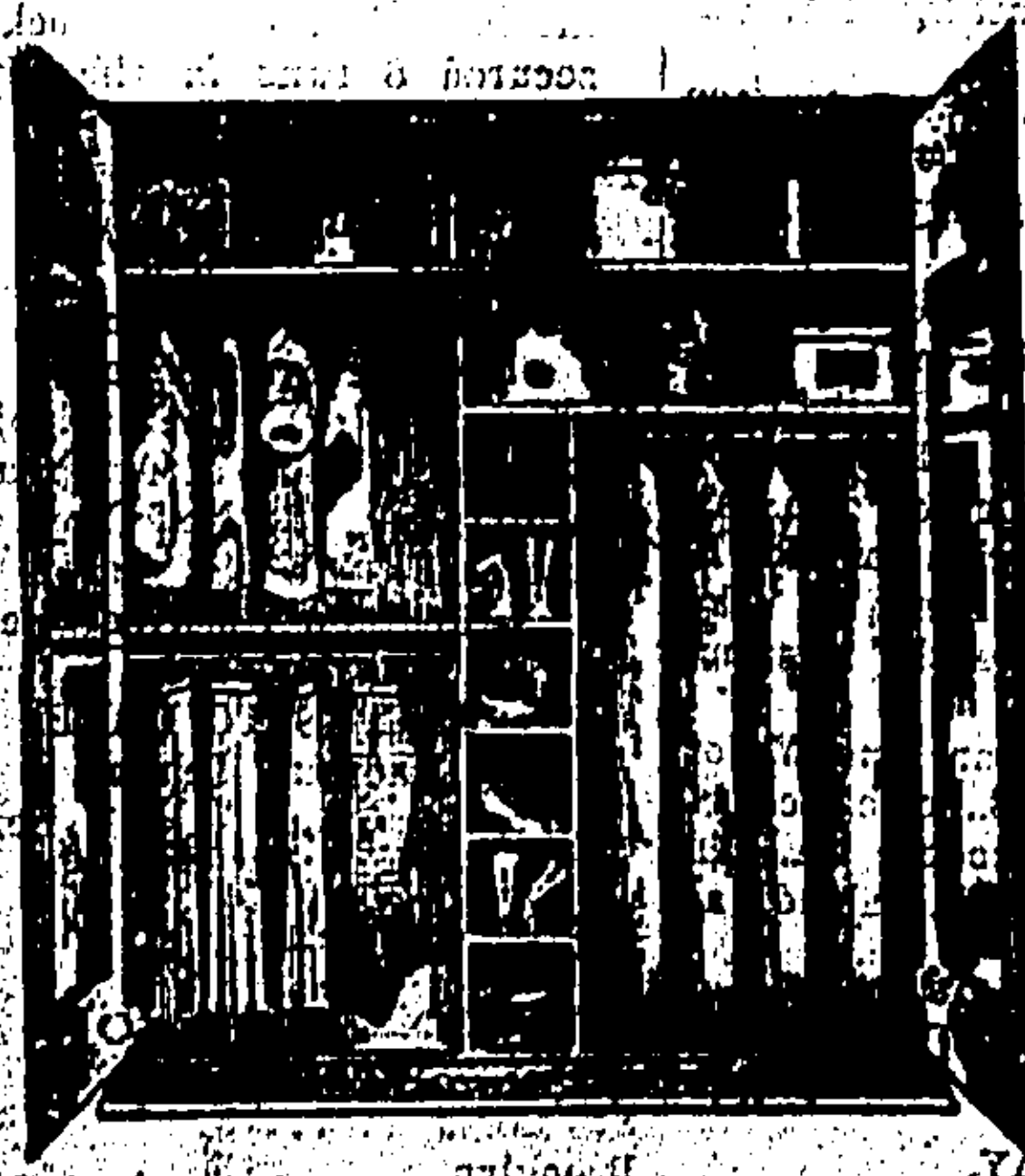
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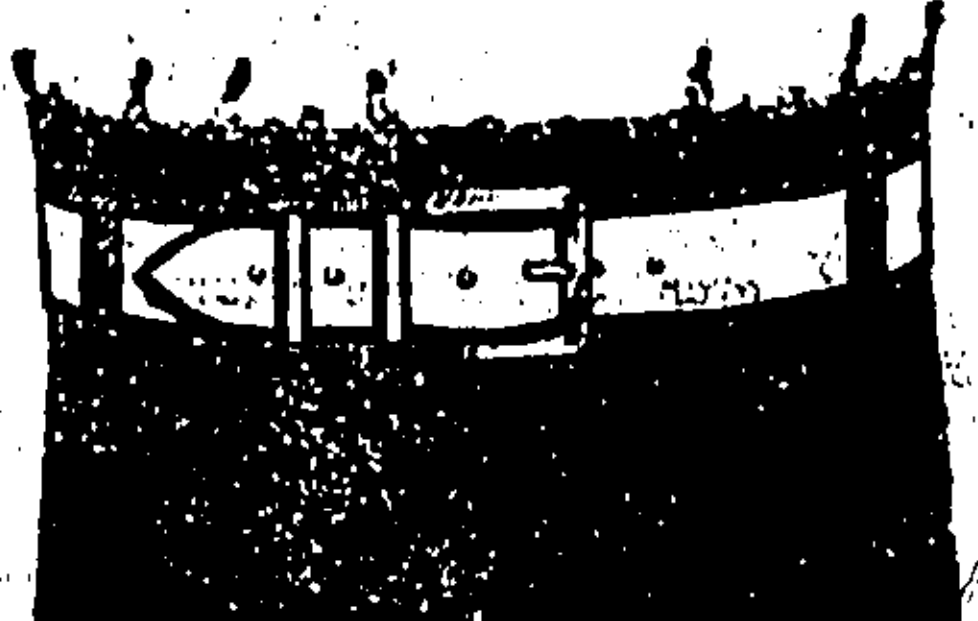
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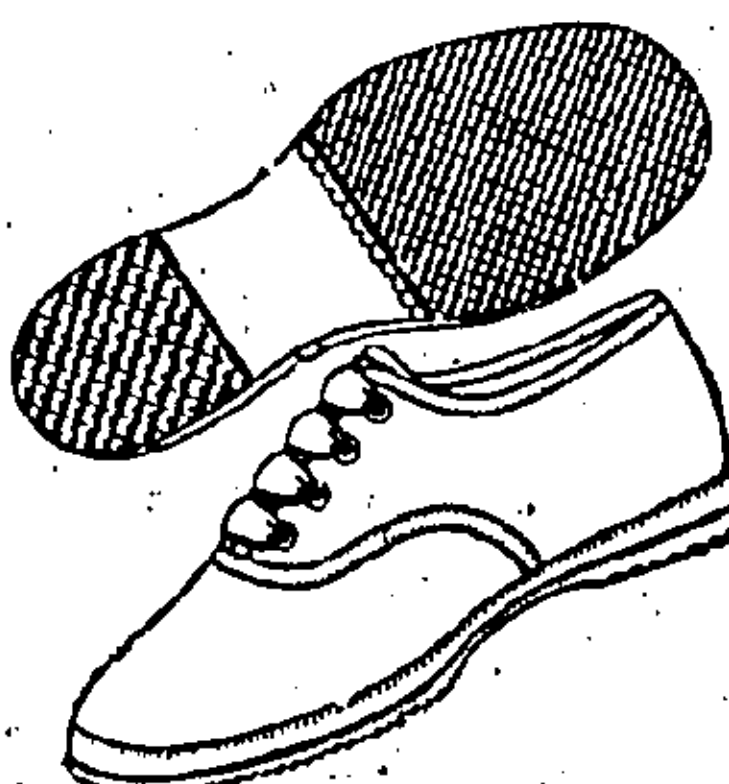
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The French Elections.

An election in any leading nation is an event of consequence, and the French elections on Monday are of particular portent during a period when many urgent and vital European problems are engaging the attention of the representatives of the main powers. Matters as war debts, reparations, the Polish Corridor, the Danubian question, disarmament, customs unions, etc., are of pressing importance and there are many sinister signs of trouble if some settlement is not reached soon. Whether a solution can be found depends largely on the French attitude. France is the stumbling-block to a reparations settlement and little hope is held of any satisfactory progress on this matter until the French opposition is modified. Then, too, every European problem concerns France, and the French insistence on "security" prevents any whole-hearted co-operation among the European nations. At present the countries are split up into little cliques such as the Little Entente, and the position is fraught with peril unless success attends the forthcoming conferences, principal among which is the Lausanne Conference on war debts and reparations. The French attitude naturally depends on the views and policies of the party in power in that country and any political confusion in France would lead to confusion and delay at the coming conferences on which so much depends. Governments at Paris are so notoriously unstable, and Premiers and Cabinets change so frequently that foreigners are relieved when any party or group of parties gains a clear-cut majority. M. Andre Tardieu, present Premier, has not gained that dominance at the first polling but there are indications that he will accomplish a coup at the second balloting on May 8. Tardieu appears the best leader available, his experience on international affairs constituting a valuable asset. M. Pierre Laval seems to have lost prestige and it is doubtful whether he will retain his power, although he will always be an important factor and a useful Cabinet Minister.

The relations between Germany and France, on which depends the peace and stability of Europe are far from harmonious and the tremendous progress of the Hitler movement affords France added anxiety. The inter-dependence of the French and German political affairs is clearly demonstrated by a political correspondent of the Christian Science Monitor, one of the leading, and most influential, newspapers in the United States. He illustrated the influences swaying the many parties in France and showed the effect that the results of the elections in one country possessed on the elections in the other.

The Radicals and the Socialists were anxious to hold the French elections at the earliest possible date, whereas the Moderates were anxious to hold them at the latest possible date. The Left parties, foreseeing a movement to the Right in Germany, were afraid that this movement would determine a similar movement in France. If the German elections were first, then the Left in France would stand to lose. The French Right, on the contrary, was afraid that if the French people voted while still ignorant of the electoral results in Germany, they might vote for the Left, whereas if they were faced with a Right victory in Germany, they would reply by voting for the Right in France. There was an exchange of views between leaders of the Left in France and leaders of the Left in Germany, and it was agreed that a Left victory in France before the Prussian elections would be helpful to the Left parties in Prussia. So the two countries were represented as watching and waiting on each other. If one went Left, the other would go Left. If one went Right, the other would go Right. So this apparently trivial issue about the dates of elections had a considerable significance, and might, on this reasoning, determine the fate of two nations and their relations with each other for a number of years to come. Generally, France, and Germany had made up their minds about foreign policy, and were not so much concerned with foreign policy as with domestic matters. It was held to be better not to encourage a straight contest on the international questions, but rather to let each country proceed to its elections independently of the other and, as far as possible, uninfluenced by the other.

The Hitler factor brings the international aspect more into prominence, and the German people are manifesting more and more their resentment and impatience of the reparations burden. The second balloting results in France will be awaited with as much interest abroad as in France.

Personal Para.

Mr. E. J. Willmott, arrived in Hong Kong this morning on the s.s. Taida, from Melbourne en route to Yokohama.

Capt. and Mrs. M. B. Goodyear disembarked at Hong Kong this morning from the s.s. Empress of Japan, from Manila.

Dr. J. E. Dovey, M.B., Ch.B. (Edin.), accompanied by Mrs. Dovey and child, were among the passengers returning to the Colony from Home on the P. & O. s.s. Ranchi, to-day.

The forthcoming wedding is announced of Mr. Hamilton Lew Mars, Far Eastern representative of the American Chinese Finance Corporation, U.S.A., living at 3, Rua Pedro, Coutinho, Macao.

Mr. and Mrs. R. R. Roxburgh were passengers on the C.P.R. Empress of Japan, arriving in Hong Kong this morning from Manila. Mr. Roxburgh is connected with Messrs. John Thornycroft's Ltd.

The Chief Justice of Hong Kong, Sir Joseph Kemp, K.C., C.B.E., is leaving on the P. & O. s.s. Ranchi, for Shanghai to-morrow. He will be away for about a fortnight, during which time he will attend the Appeal Court.

Mr. Walter Otto, the German member of the Shamen Exchange Brokers Association, returned from Home leave a few days ago. Mr. Riedler, who has been looking after his interests whilst Mr. Otto has been away, has left Canton to join Messrs. John Manners and Co., in Hong Kong.

News in Brief.

Two fresh cases of meningitis, both occurring in Hong Kong, were reported to the Medical Officer of Health, (Dr. Pope) up to noon to-day.

The N.Y.K. Summer Excursion Fares to Japanese ports, from Hong Kong, will be in operation from June 15, the available period of the ticket being three months, with a final limit on October 31.

The return of notifiable diseases for the 24 hours ending May 3 contains two cases of small-pox, two cases of meningitis, and one case each of diphtheria and enteric fever.

The President and members of the Y's Men's Club of Hong Kong will hold the inaugural dinner of the Club on Saturday next, May 7, at Lane, Crawford's restaurant, at 7.30 p.m.

A tea party is to be given at King's College to-morrow, Thursday, May 5, at 5 p.m., by the finance committee of the St. John Ambulance Brigade, in honour of its members who have returned from work in the hospitals in Shanghai.

CANTON GOVT. DEFAUDED.

Chinese Faced With
Serious Charge.

FIREARMS INVOLVED.

A transaction which revealed an endeavour to secure a consignment of firearms on behalf of the Canton Aviation Corps in September last year, had its sequel in the Central Police Court yesterday afternoon, when before Mr. W. Schofield, a Chinese, named Tong Hoi-chun, who was alleged to have been representing a syndicate, was charged with having obtained \$20,412, the moneys of the Canton Government from one Kwong Tat on a forged document, which purported to be a section of a firearms contract.

He was further charged with obtaining the money by purporting that a consignment of firearms had been delivered on board a gunboat at Chek Wan.

Mr. T. Murphy, A.S.P., A.D.C., prosecuted, while Mr. D. L. Strellet defended, entering pleas of guilty on both charges.

It was stated that last September an officer of the Canton Government failed to obtain the necessary firearms from the licensed dealers in Hong Kong and negotiated with a broker who claimed that he was in a position to act on behalf of a syndicate, which had never been delivered.

SANITARY BOARD ELECTION

CIRCULAR APPEAL FOR DR. LI SHU-FAN.

"Old Resident" Criticises
Dr. Li's Policy.

Appealing to the electorate on behalf of Dr. Li Shu-fan, who is a candidate for the vacancy on the Sanitary Board in the elections on May 10, Sir Henry Pollock and Sir Shou-son Chow have sent the following letter to the Press. Below is also a criticism of Dr. Li's policy, expressed by "Old Resident":—

On the 10th April we nominated Dr. Li Shu-fan as a candidate for election as a Member of the Sanitary Board in succession to Mr. M. K. Lo. Since that nomination was made, another candidate has been put up by the Kowloon Residents' Association. The election will, therefore, be contested; and we appeal to you for your support of Dr. Li Shu-fan's candidature.

We consider Dr. Li Shu-fan eminently fitted for the seat by both his academic distinctions and his practical experience. Besides being an M.B., Ch.B. and F.R.C.S. of Edinburgh, he also holds the Diploma of Tropical Medicine and Hygiene which in itself is a strong recommendation for his candidature.

Experience in Canton.

Dr. Li also acted as Commissioner of Public Health, Canton, for two years (1911-12)—an experience which should be of immense value to our Sanitary Board in its considerations of the many intricate problems affecting Public Health and sanitation, with which the public here is now faced.

We have Dr. Li's assurance, which he has already given in writing to the electorate, that should he be elected he will serve the interests of the Colony conscientiously, fearlessly and to the best of his ability, with the full realisation that he is elected not only by the community as a whole but also by every section of it, and that different districts of the Colony, such as the Kowloon Peninsula and the New Territories, have, each of them, their special distinctive problems which it will be his duty as such elected representative to endeavour to solve.

Importance of Office.

The preservation of Public Health is one of the most important interests of this Colony, and, in this connection, we respectfully venture, once again, to direct your attention to the foregoing high professional qualifications and also to the actual experience of Public Health Administration possessed by our candidate; and accordingly we ask you to exercise your right as an elector, by attending the Registrar's office, Supreme Court, on Tuesday, the 10th May, in order to record your vote in Dr. Li's favour.

Yours, etc.,

Henry Pollock,
Shou-son Chow.

A CRITIC OF DR. LI.

I have read with interest the statement of policy published by Dr. Li Shu-fan, and must admit I am disappointed. After the very clear and definite statement of Mr. Mow Fung, Dr. Li's generalisations certainly fail to meet the demand for an unequivocal expression of policy.

Admittedly, Mr. Mow Fung's views were given in reply to definite questions in an interview, while Dr. Li's was a published statement; I am unaware whether Dr. Li was also asked for his policy on these specific points, but in any case as his opponent's views were published long before Dr. Li declared his policy, one would expect him at least to cover the scope of these points.

In particular, the question of treatment of infectious disease in private houses is of vital importance, and this point has been completely ignored by Dr. Li. The electorate have a right to demand the fullest possible elucidation of each candidate's policy, and on such a vital point a clearly defined expression of opinion is obviously called for; I trust Dr. Li will not prejudice his case by ignoring the issue.

Yours, etc.,

"OLD RESIDENT."

UNPUBLISHED CORRESPONDENCE.

"Fairness"—While we appreciate your tributes regarding "the independence and fair play" which are characteristic of the *China Mail*, it is not our policy, or our practice, to publish letters dealing with the policies of a junior contemporary when such letters have already been rejected by the Editor of that contemporary.—Ed. The *China Mail*.

CHINESE TROOPS DESERT.

Situation in
Fukien.

Peking, Yesterday.

Messages to the Legations here from Swatow declare that Communists are threatening Ungkang, 30 miles north of Swatow and that American and other missionaries are evacuating to Swatow.

Many of the Cantonese troops, sent to Fukien against the Reds are either joining the Communists, refusing to fight or disbanding.—Reuter.

A transaction had been accepted. But it is alleged by the Canton Government officials that the sellers not only failed to abide by the contract but had also received payment for the consignment which had never been delivered.

PARADE IN THE NUDE.

Doukhobors on
Rampage.

CANADIAN PROBLEM.

Nelson, British Columbia.

Yesterday.

Two hundred naked Doukhobors, of both sexes were calmly walking in procession, singing hymns, from their farm settlements to town, when the police barred their way. A pitched battle ensued, after which 117 of the processionists were arrested.—Reuter.

In recent years the Doukhobors have afforded the British Columbia Government one of their most difficult problems. They refuse to send their children to school or to register births and deaths. When interfered with the Doukhobors express their resentment with nude parades. The police answer this challenge by using lathing powder which they spray on the offenders.

Gaiety And Gravity In Shanghai

Reaction to Recent Disturbances

CHAPEI HAUNT OF GAMBLERS

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

Shanghai, May 3. A bird's-eye survey of the extraordinary situation now prevalent in this once universally recognized entrepot of trade would yield much that is both grave and gay, according to the predilections of those who choose to contemplate that aforesaid situation. Trade, at the moment, is right in the doldrums, and one has only to cite the record low rate of the dollar to the tael as proof of the sluggish flow of money. It is true that a fair number of mills and other industrial concerns have resumed operations, but the weekly wages bill is to-day, but a feeble percentage of that to which Shanghai has long since been accustomed and on which the prosperity of so many small trading concerns hinges.

The rank and file of both foreigners and Chinese were rarely so impoverished as at the present moment, when the scarcity of money is being felt in more than one direction.

Take the Shanghai Race Club, for example. That hoary institution, the bi-annual Champions Sweepstakes, which to many have seemed for years an almost sacrosanct edifice, well able to withstand crises and weather storms, have not been spared this year the effects of the economic blizzard which is sweeping Shanghai in common with so many other parts of the world.

Race Club Sweep. In former years, the "A" Sweep of the Champions was sold out fully three weeks before the Spring and Autumn Meetings, and something like twenty to thirty thousand of the "B" Sweep were easily disposed of to an eager public that would scramble for the little slips of paper which to them spelt a potential fortune in the making. This year, with the Spring Meeting less than a week off, the Race Club has only contrived to sell a bare 40,000 tickets, and it would be surprising if it manages to dispose of more than 60,000 by the time the hectic day of the Champions Race arrives. Nothing could well be more eloquent of the abnormal times through which we are valiantly struggling.

Riches Demand Remission. The humble individual who spends his days—and nights—between the shafts of the ricksha which he pulls, and often dies there, has entered the fray which was started by the shopkeepers and householders when they sought relief from the municipal rates and house rentals by reason of the abnormal times through which they had passed. The ricksha coolies have joined the ranks of the remission hunters. It had to come. Nothing short of a miracle could have prevented it, and miracles are as rare as clean cushion covers in the ranks of the ricksha pulling fraternity in Shanghai, in which connection, Hong Kong, often twitted on being less highly sophisticated than Shanghai in other directions, can justifiably claim to be infinitely superior to Shanghai, for, unlike this port, clean ricksha cushions in the Colony are the rule rather than the exception. But this is a mere digression. To come to the point at which the scribe of these notes started out, there have been representatives of the ricksha ramblers in every movement since unions first caught the popular fancy of China. It was hardly likely, then, that the perambulating pull-ag populace would have been left out of a movement for a reduction in anything except the rice allowance. And they have not. No, sir, not by a jugful. They have come out into the open with a demand for a reduction in hire rates—not the rates at which their clients hire the vehicles, but the rates at which the coolies rent their carriages from the various hongs.

Riches Business. According to the vernacular press, the depression has hit the ricksha business. Many factors have contributed towards hard times among the city's 27,000 ricksha coolies. Of course, most of this is attributed to the recent hostilities. The erection of shikharas, barricades and barbed wire entanglements at various intersections is put forward

as one of the reasons why business has fallen off. The ricksha coolies apparently believe in making hay while the sun shines and their agitation for remission of hire rates may give ideas to others. The possibilities in this direction are almost limitless.

"Whoopie" in Chapei. In these dismal days, when nerves are jaded and tempers are frayed, there is nothing like scanning the pages of Shanghai's vernacular Press for veritable gems of unconscious humour. The Chinese newspapers of this city start out with the laudable idea of being serious but end by being unconsciously funny. If one is to believe the gentlemen of the Press, Chapei, that woe-filled strip of land which is now practically deserted as the result of recent hostilities, has become a haven for Chinese gamblers, opium smokers and others seeking diversion from the workaday worries of this world. This, at least, is the statement by the vernacular Press, whose investigations have led it to this profound conclusion. This is nothing new, however, according to other reports.

Chapei has always enjoyed an unsavoury reputation and has for many years been a haunt for some of the city's worst characters. But it seems the Chinese Press has suddenly discovered something which has existed for years and, apparently, as a result of the recent upheaval in that quarter. Although the so-called "puppet" administration in Chapei has faded quietly into the night after its meteoric career, the vernacular dailies claim that those who directed the operations of the Chapei District Citizens' Maintenance Association—which is only a cumbersome way of describing the "puppet" government—have formed a new body known as the Chapei District Citizens' Self-Government Progress Association, and, under this organisation, there are great doings by night and day in the purlieus of that devastated territory. Whoopie occasions are the order of the day—and night.

Gambling and Opium. Gambling palaces and opium dens are springing up like mushrooms overnight in all directions. The only thing apparently lacking is a first-class cabaret. It would seem that even the unwelcome presence of the Japanese patrols cannot dampen the ardour of those in quest of a flutter at the wheel or a pipe of sleep-producer. Chapei is apparently getting back to normal. In the very heyday of its prosperity, it had never known anything better.

LOCAL BANKER'S DEATH.

Mr. Tang Chi-Ngong.

The death occurred at his residence at No. 37, Gough Street, yesterday, of Mr. Tang Chi-Ngong, at the age of 74.

Mr. Tang Chi-Ngong, who has been ill for two months, is survived by his wife, four sons, several daughters, two grandsons and two granddaughters.

The late Mr. Tang was one of the largest land owners and property owners in the Colony, and in addition was well-known in Chinese banking circles. He was for many years a Justice of the Peace, and his other public activities have included, Chairman of the Tung Wah Hospital, Board of Directors, Director of the Po Leung Kuk, Director of the Kwong Wah Hospital, and member of the Executive Committee of the Chinese General Chamber of Commerce.

In business he was prominent as the owner of the Tang Tin Fook native bank, and was connected financially with many Chinese business firms and insurance companies.

Mr. Tang was a generous donor to charitable and educational causes. The funeral will probably take place on Monday at the Chinese Permanent Cemetery.

ROTARY CLUB MEETING.

Tribute Paid to Sir William Hornell.

PLAYGROUNDS SCHEME.

The need for more playing ground for children in the Colony was stressed at the annual meeting of the Rotary Club, which was held at Messrs. Lane, Crawford's Restaurant yesterday afternoon, under the chairmanship of Sir William Hornell, Kt. Members considered the provision of two children's playgrounds—one at Blake Gardens and the other at Mongkok—in addition to the existing Wanchai and Blake Gardens areas.

Rotarian, the Rev. E. G. Powell, Chairman of the Community Service, in explaining the scheme, said that it calls for the raising by the Rotary Club of a sum of money just under \$4,000, which it is planned to obtain by voluntary subscriptions. The scheme will be voted upon at the next meeting of the Club.

Warm tribute was paid Sir William Hornell by the Hon. Mr. W. E. L. Shenton, who said that the great success that had come to the Rotary Club was due to Sir William's personal efforts.

Sir William, in reply, remarked on the splendid opportunities which the Rotary had given him for making friendships.

Rotarian Powell, in putting forward the scheme, said, in part—

The estimated cost to Rotary Club is as follows:

1. Blake Gardens:	
Equipment	\$500.
Director and caretaker (10 mos.)	750
	\$1,250
2. Mongkok:	
Equipment	\$750
Director and caretaker (8 mos.)	600
	1,350
Total for old and new grounds	\$3,966

The recommendations of the Committee to this meeting are:

1. That the present work be maintained.
2. That two new grounds, as above, be applied for.
3. That the present arrangement with the Chinese Y.M.C.A. be continued.
4. That the amount required be raised from members of the Club by voluntary contribution.

In answer to a request for opinions from Chinese members, the Hon. Dr. S. W. T'so, Rotarian Wu and Rotarian Li Shu-fan all strongly supported the scheme.

The following officers were elected for the ensuing year:

President, the Hon. Dr. S. W. T'so; Vice-President, Mr. P. S. Cassidy; Directors, the Hon. Li Tse-feng, Mr. M. K. Lo, Mr. F. A. Mackintosh and Mr. D. M. Maynard. Honorary Treasurer, Mr. N. J. Perrin, Joint Honorary Secretaries, Mr. M. F. Key and Mr. H. Hong Sling.

LIEUT. TYRWHITT'S FUNERAL.

Full Naval Honours.

SUBMARINE OFFICER.

The funeral of Sub-Lieutenant R. Tyrwhitt, R.N., who was found shot dead on Stonecutters Island yesterday morning, took place at 4.30 o'clock yesterday afternoon.

Full naval honours were accorded, and from the Royal Naval Hospital, the coffin was borne on the shoulders of eight officers to the gun carriage, which was drawn to the cemetery by 24 bluejackets from the submarines in port.

The firing party comprising men from H.M.S. Cornwall headed the cortege followed by the casket and pallbearers, and officers and men from the fleet among whom were Commodore A. H. Walker, Commanding Officer, H.M.S. Odin, (representing the Captain, Fourth Submarine Flotilla), Commanding Officers, H.M.S. Otus and Orpheus.

Wreaths were received from the following—

Commodore Walker, Capt. Barry (H.M.S. Orpheus), the Captain and Officers of H.M.S. Orpheus, Chief and Petty Officers of H.M.S. Orpheus, stokers and seamen of H.M.S. Orpheus, the Commander and Officer of H.M.S. Cornwall, Gunroom officers of H.M.S. Cornwall, men of H.M.S. Cornwall, Captain and Officers of H.M.S. Odin, Captain and Officers of H.M.S. Otus, ship's company of H.M.S. Odin and ship's company of H.M.S. Otus.

European Wife Sues Chinese Husband

Allegations of Cruelty PLAINTIFF IN TEARS

A claim for maintenance was brought before Mr. J. A. Fraser at the Kowloon Magistracy yesterday afternoon, by Elizabeth Wan, a Norwegian woman of 26, against her Chinese husband, William Wan, whom she alleges assaulted her on many occasions, until finally she had to leave him, taking with her the 3-year-old child of the marriage. The plaintiff, who is claiming maintenance for herself and child was not legally represented, but Mr. O. E. C. Marton appeared for the husband.

Married in New York.

In evidence, plaintiff, who throughout the proceedings chewed gum, said that she went to New York from Norway when she was 18, living with relatives and working for her living. On March 24, 1928 against the wishes of her relatives, she married defendant at a New York registrar's office, and a child was born on April 30, 1929. They left America for Hong Kong in August, the same year.

Witness then went on to describe some of the alleged cruelties inflicted upon her by her husband since their arrival in the Colony, and said that her husband had bought her no clothes in Hong Kong, those she had, being obtained from the Hong Kong Benevolent Society. In regard to food, plaintiff said she could not eat Chinese food, and her husband only allowed her to eat European food if she used Chinese sauces and the cost of preparation was not more than his own food.

Chinese Wife.

In December, last year, she discovered that her husband had a Chinese wife at Fanling, which explained why he spent more time at Fanling than with her (plaintiff).

SUPERSTITIONS OF FAMOUS PEOPLE.

Revealed in New Book.

London.

Queer superstitions of famous men have been revealed by Sir Charles Iggleaden in his book, "Those Superstitions." Here are some of the secrets which are made public in it—

Sir Malcolm Campbell—Repudiated superstition but said he believed in luck, and was a fatalist. Mr. J. E. Mollison—"I prefer not to sit with 18 people at the table."

Miss Peggy Salaman—"Flying people dare not be superstitious; otherwise they would have no peace of mind."

Dr. W. G. Grace—Believed that if his name in the batting list were opposite an even number, he would make no runs.

Sir Henry Irving—Once sent a note to a woman in the stalls—"For God's sake take your peacock feather fan out of the theatre to prevent disaster."

Sir Charles describes many superstitions concerning courtship, marriage, the countryside, children, sport, the sea and many other branches of human activity. No wonder Miss Marjorie Bowen, the novelist, exclaims in her foreword: "Superstition has slain more souls than desire or the lust for gold or power!"

SHOW BOAT FOR LONDON.

New Floating Cabaret.

London is to have a Show Boat. The s.s. Alexandra, a paddle steamer which served as a troop ship during the War and even rammed a German submarine, is to be converted into a floating restaurant, complete with cabaret, orchestra, and dancing deck. Every night during the Summer months, London's Show Boat will make two trips from Westminster to the pool of London and Galleries, and will be a most attractive sight on the water.

Cross-examined by Mr. Marton, plaintiff said she did drink a little, but only what people offered her. She kept a bottle of gin in the house for medicinal purposes, and in order to buy that bottle she had to pawn three Chinese dresses given to her by her father-in-law. Mr. Marton inferred that there were six empty gin bottles in the house.

Mr. Marton: "If your husband and the house-boy go into the witness-box and say that you have been drunk every day for the last two weeks, will you say they are telling untruths?"

Plaintiff: "Yes, it would be untrue, I have never been drunk in my life."

Reference was then made to the husband's employment, as a motor car driver, and Mr. Marton commented that defendant was earning \$300 per month.

Mr. Marton referring to an alleged assault when the plaintiff was found in the company of an Indian policeman, asked her if she thought that he assaulted her because she was with the Indian.

Plaintiff: "Yes, he did not want me to go to the pictures that night."

Stormy Scene.

On the occasion of an assault in the house defendant said she was so hurt she could not get up.

Mr. Marton: "Were you really hurt?"

Plaintiff: "No."

Mr. Marton: "Please do not be sarcastic in your answers to me."

A heated scene then took place, plaintiff refusing to answer any further questions, and bursting into tears she left the witness box, heedless of the Magistrate's remonstrances.

The hearing was adjourned until Wednesday next.

SHARE MARKET.

The official summary issued by the Stock Exchange to-day states: As noted in yesterday's report, the investment section is still the strong feature of the market, otherwise there is no material change in the rest of the list.

Sales.
Hong Kong Banks, \$1,520.
Providents (Old), \$5.
Hong Kong Realities, \$11.45.
Ewo Cottons, Tls. 13.35.
Star Ferries, \$90½.
Hong Kong Electric, \$73½.
Dairy Farms, \$28.

Buyers.
Hong Kong Banks, \$1,525.
Union Insurance, \$488.
Union Waterboats, \$19¼.
Benguet Explorations, 31 cents.
Providents (Old), \$4.90.
Hotels (Cum. Rights), \$18.
Hong Kong Lands, \$76½.
Hong Kong Realities, \$11.45.
Chinese Estates, \$100¼.
Ewo Cottons, Tls. 13.30.
Hong Kong Trams, \$21.90.
Peak Trams (Old), \$15½.
Star Ferries, \$90.
Yaumati Ferries (Old), \$80.
China Lights (Old), \$21.
China Lights (New), \$20½.
Macao Electric, \$24.
Telephones (P.P.), \$24.
Canton Ice, \$4.80.
Cements (Combined), \$18.55.
Cements (Old), \$13.10.
Hong Kong Ropes, \$14.
Wallace Harpers, \$13½.
Dairy Farms, \$27¼.
Lane, Crawford (Old), \$6¼.
United Theatres, Tls. 4½.
Govt. Loans, 2¼% Premium.

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Kailan Mining Ad., 25/2.
South China Motors "B", \$12.
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By Order of the Board,
JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., LTD.,
General Managers.
Hong Kong, 2nd May, 1932.

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NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE FIFTY-FIRST ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the SHAREHOLDERS will be held at the Offices of the Undersigned on THURSDAY, the 19th May, 1932, at Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the General Agents, together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ended the 31st December, 1931. The SHARE REGISTER and TRANSFER BOOKS will be CLOSED from the 5th to the 18th May, 1932, both days inclusive.

JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., LTD.,
General Agents.
Hong Kong, 28th April, 1932.

UNION INSURANCE SOCIETY OF CANTON, LTD.
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NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the FIFTY-NINTH ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING of the Society will be held at the HEAD OFFICE, Union Building, Hong Kong, on FRIDAY, 27th MAY, 1932, at 11 o'clock a.m. for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors and the Statements of Account to 31st December, 1931, and of declaring Dividends, etc. The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Society will be CLOSED from 9th May to 27th MAY, Both Days inclusive.

By Order of the Board,
PAUL LAUDER,
General Manager.
Hong Kong, 30th April, 1932.

THE CHINA FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LTD.
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NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the SIXTY-THIRD ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING of the Company will be held at its HEAD OFFICE, Union Building, Hong Kong, on FRIDAY, 27th MAY, 1932, at 11.15 a.m., for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors and the Statements of Account to 31st December, 1931, and of declaring Dividends, etc. The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from 9th MAY to 27th MAY, Both Days inclusive.

By Order of the Board,
PAUL LAUDER,
General Manager.
Hong Kong, 30th April, 1932.

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NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the SIXTY-SIXTH ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING of the Company will be held at its HEAD OFFICE, Union Building, Hong Kong, on FRIDAY, 27th MAY, 1932, at 11.20 a.m., for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors and the Statements of Account to 31st December, 1931, and of declaring Dividends, etc. The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from 9th MAY to 27th MAY, Both Days inclusive.

By Order of the Board,
PAUL LAUDER,
General Manager.
Hong Kong, 30th April, 1932.

GOVERNMENT NOTICES.

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NOTICE.

OWING to the low water level of the Storage Reservoirs it has become very necessary that the consumption of water for all purposes should be reduced. The co-operation of the public in preventing waste and reducing consumption to a minimum is earnestly requested.

HAROLD T. CREESE,
Water Authority.
Public Works Department,
Hong Kong, 3rd May, 1932.

SPORTS NOTICES.

THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB.

DRAFT PROGRAMMES and ENTRY FORMS for the SIXTH EXTRA RACE MEETING to be held on SATURDAY, 14th, and MONDAY, 16th May, 1932, (weather permitting) may be obtained at the Secretary's Office, the Club House, Happy Valley, the Hong Kong Club, the Sports Club, and the Stables, Village Road.

ENTRIES close at 12 o'clock Noon on THURSDAY, 6th May, 1932.

By Order,
S. A. SLEAP,
Actg. Secretary.
Hong Kong, 2nd May, 1932.

MACAO RACES.

THE MACAO JOCKEY CLUB.

Second Extra Race Meeting, SUNDAY, 8th May, 1932 (Postponed from 17th April).

First Saddle Bell at 1.15 p.m.
First Race at 1.45 p.m.

Admission:—
To Members' Enclosure \$2.00
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Hong Kong, 2nd May, 1932.

HONG KONG HEIGHTS

For the information of visitors the following list of some of the highest points on the Island and Mainland is published:—

Island.	Feet.
Victoria Peak	1823
Signal Station	1774
Mt. Parker	1734
Mountain Lodge	1725
The Eyrie	1725
Peak Hotel	1505
Tattee Sanatorium	1000
Mt. Davis	877
Bowen Road (Altitude)	237
Mainland.	Feet.
Tatmoshan	5124
Kowloon Peak	1971

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Credits, 4 months' sight 1/3 3/4
Documentary, 4 months' sight 1/3 3/4
On Paris—
On demand 565
Credits, 4 months' sight 615
On Berlin—
On demand Nom
On New York—
On demand 22 1/2
Credits, 60 days' sight 23 3/4
On Bombay—
Wire 50 3/4
On demand 50 3/4
On Calcutta—
Wire 50 3/4
On demand 50 3/4
On Singapore—
On demand 52 1/2
On Manila—
On demand 44 1/2
On Shanghai—
On demand 7 7/8
Dollar 4 1/2 dis.
On Yokohama—
On demand 66 1/2
Sovereigns (Bank's buying rate) 1/3 3/4
Silver (per oz.) 16 9/16
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Copper Cents 1% prem.
Rate of Native Interest 3 1/2% p.a.
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Hong Kong Sub. Coin Par.

LONDON EXCHANGES

Rugby, Yesterday.
Paris 92 13/16
New York 3.68 3/4
Montreal 4.09 1/2
Brussels 25.10
Geneva 18 13/16
Amsterdam 9.02 1/2
Milan 71
Berlin 15.40
Stockholm 19.95
Copenhagen 13.80
Oslo 19.70
Vienna 32 nominal
Prague 123 1/2
Helsingfors 214 (?)
Madrid 46 3/16
Lisbon 110
Athens 500 Sellers
Bucharest 610
Rio 4 3/8
Buenos Aires 88 1/8
Montevideo 80 nominal
Bombay 1/5 15/16
Shanghai 1/7 3/4
Yokohama 1/9 5/8
Hong Kong 1/2 27/32
Silver Spot 16 9/16
Silver Forward 16 11/16
—British Wireless Service.

SHIPPING MOVEMENTS TO BE BROADCAST

Shanghai Venture.

Steamship arrivals and sailings are dependent on a number of circumstances and are liable to change at the eleventh hour. Realising the inconvenience caused to the travelling public by any uncertainty as to times of arrivals and departures, KOBEL has arranged to broadcast arrivals, and departures of steamships of the leading steamship companies as from May 1, 1932. Morning arrivals will be announced between 8.00 and 8.15 a.m. and afternoon arrivals will be announced between 11.30 to 11.45 a.m. Sailings for the following day will be announced between 6.30 and 7.00 p.m. These sailing broadcasts, received from the offices of the steamship companies concerned, can be relied upon.

HONG KONG STOCK EXCHANGE

Opening Daily Official Quotations, May 4, 1932.
Next Settlement Day, Tuesday, May 24, 1932.

STOCK	Buyers	Sellers	Sales	Open	High	Low	Year	Last dividend and when
Banks								
Hong Kong Bank	1025	1020	101	Dec.				Final 23 ct 1/2 (1931-32)
(Loa. Reg.)	1025	1020	101	Dec.				Final 23 ct 1/2 (1931-32)
Chartered Bank	101	101	101	Dec.				Final 7 ct 1/2 (1931-32)
Mercantile Bk. of Ind.	101	101	101	Dec.				Final 1 ct 1/2 (1931-32)
C. F.	101	101	101	Dec.				Final 1 ct 1/2 (1931-32)
Bank of Asia	115	115	115	Dec.				Final 1 ct 1/2 (1931-32)
Amoy Fin. Corp.	15	15	15	Dec.				Final 1 ct 1/2 (1931-32)
Insurance								
Canton Ins.	1840	1840	1840	Dec.				Final 1 ct 1/2 (1931-32)
Union Ins.	488	488	488	Dec.				Final 1 ct 1/2 (1931-32)
China Underwriters	1	1	1	Dec.				Final 1 ct 1/2 (1931-32)
China Fire Ins.	900	900	900	Dec.				Final 1 ct 1/2 (1931-32)
H. K. Fire Ins.	126	126	126	Dec.				Final 1 ct 1/2 (1931-32)
International Assoc. Th.	4	4	4	Dec.				Final 1 ct 1/2 (1931-32)
Shipping								
Douglases	27	27	27	Dec.				Final 1 ct 1/2 (1931-32)
H. K. Steamships	38	38	38	Dec.				Final 1 ct 1/2 (1931-32)
Indo-China (Pref.)	45	45	45	Dec.				Final 1 ct 1/2 (1931-32)
(Def.)	39	39	39	Dec.				Final 1 ct 1/2 (1931-32)
Shells Bearer	86 1/2	86 1/2	86 1/2	Dec.				Final 1 ct 1/2 (1931-32)
Union Waterboats	101	101	101	Dec.				Final 1 ct 1/2 (1931-32)
Mining								
Benguet	151	151	151	Dec.				Final 1 ct 1/2 (1931-32)
Kailan Mining Ad.	25 1/2	25 1/2	25 1/2	June				Final 1 ct 1/2 (1931-32)
Langkate (Single)	4	4	4	Oct.				Final 1 ct 1/2 (1931-32)
Shai Exploration	2.10	2.10	2.10	Dec.				Final 1 ct 1/2 (1931-32)
Loans	2	2	2	Dec.				Final 1 ct 1/2 (1931-32)
Rauba	54	54	54	Mar.				Final 1 ct 1/2 (1931-32)
Venezuela Gold Fields	2	2	2	Dec.				Final 1 ct 1/2 (1931-32)
Benguet Explorations	81 1/2	81 1/2	81 1/2	Dec.				Final 1 ct 1/2 (1931-32)
Docks, Wharves, Godowns, &c.								
H. K. & W. Wharves	142 1/2	142 1/2	142 1/2	Dec.				Final 1 ct 1/2 (1931-32)
H. K. & W. Docks	10 1/2	10 1/2	10 1/2	Dec.				Final 1 ct 1/2 (1931-32)
South Ch. Motors (A)	10	10	10	Dec.				Final 1 ct 1/2 (1931-32)
(B-C)	12	12	12	Dec.				Final 1 ct 1/2 (1931-32)
China Provident (old)	4.90	4.90	4.90	Dec.				Final 1 ct 1/2 (1931-32)
(new)	2.90	2.90	2.90	Dec.				Final 1 ct 1/2 (1931-32)
Hongkong	925	925	925	Dec.				Final 1 ct 1/2 (1931-32)
N. Engineering	8	8	8	Dec.				Final 1 ct 1/2 (1931-32)
Shanghai Docks	88 1/2	88 1/2	88 1/2	Apr.				Final 1 ct 1/2 (1931-32)
Lands, Hotels & Buildings								
H. & S. Hotels (C.R.S.)	19	19	19	Dec.				Final 1 ct 1/2 (1931-32)
(Rights)	2.40	2.40	2.40	Dec.				Final 1 ct 1/2 (1931-32)
H.K. Lands	76 1/2	76 1/2	76 1/2	Dec.				Final 1 ct 1/2 (1931-32)
Shanghai Lands	34	34	34	Dec.				Final 1 ct 1/2 (1931-32)
Metropolitan Lands Th.	10	10	10	Sep.				Final 1 ct 1/2 (1931-32)
Humphreys	16 1/2	16 1/2	16 1/2	Dec.				Final 1 ct 1/2 (1931-32)
H. K. Realities	11.45	11.45	11.45	Dec.				Final 1 ct 1/2 (1931-32)
China Estates	100 1/2	100 1/2	100 1/2	Dec.				Final 1 ct 1/2 (1931-32)
(B-C)	23	23	23	Dec.				Final 1 ct 1/2 (1931-32)
China Sports Ltd.	10	10	10	Feb.				Final 1 ct 1/2 (1931-32)
Cotton Mills								
Ewo Cottons	15.30	15.30	15.30	Dec.				Final 1 ct 1/2 (1931-32)
Shanghai Cotton Th.	76	76	76	Dec.				Final 1 ct 1/2 (1931-32)
Zoong Sigs	101	101	101	June				Final 1 ct 1/2 (1931-32)
Public Utilities								
H. K. Tramways	31.90	31.90	31.90	Dec.				Final 1 ct 1/2 (1931-32)
Peak Tram (old)	10 1/2	10 1/2	10 1/2	Apr.				Final 1 ct 1/2 (1931-32)
(new)	8	8	8	Apr.				Final 1 ct 1/2 (1931-32)
Star Ferry	90	90	90	Dec.				Final 1 ct 1/2 (1931-32)
Yamati Ferry (old)	80	80	80	Dec.				Final 1 ct 1/2 (1931-32)
(new)	20	20	20	Dec.				Final 1 ct 1/2 (1931-32)
China Light (old)	21 1/2	21 1/2	21 1/2	Sep.				Final 1 ct 1/2 (1931-32)
(new)	20 1/2	20 1/2	20 1/2	Sep.				Final 1 ct 1/2 (1931-32)
H. K. Electric	78 1/2	78 1/2	78 1/2	Dec.				Final 1 ct 1/2 (1931-32)
Macao	24	24	24	Dec.				Final 1 ct 1/2 (1931-32)
Sandakan Lights	18	18	18	June				Final 1 ct 1/2 (1931-32)
H.K. Tels. fully paid	24	24	24	Dec.				Final 1 ct 1/2 (1931-32)
(part paid)	24	24	24	Dec.				Final 1 ct 1/2 (1931-32)
China Buses	15	15	15	Dec.				Final 1 ct 1/2 (1931-32)
S'port Tractors (Ord.)	14 1/2	14 1/2	14 1/2	Sep.				Final 1 ct 1/2 (1931-32)
(Pref.)	14 1/2	14 1/2	14 1/2	Sep.				Final 1 ct 1/2 (1931-32)
Industrials								
Malayan Sugars	14	14	14	Dec.				Final 1 ct 1/2 (1931-32)
Cold Macg. Ord.	10 1/2	10 1/2	10 1/2	Dec.				Final 1 ct 1/2 (1931-32)
(Pref.)	10 1/2	10 1/2	10 1/2	Dec.				Final 1 ct 1/2 (1931-32)
Canton Ins.	1840	1840	1840	July				Final 1 ct 1/2 (1931-32)
Cement (old)	18.50	18.50	18.50	Dec.				Final 1 ct 1/2 (1931-32)
(new)	15.10	15.10	15.10	Dec.				Final 1 ct 1/2 (1931-32)
H. K. & W. Docks	10 1/2	10 1/2	10 1/2	Dec.				Final 1 ct 1/2 (1931-32)
China Agriculture	102	102	102	Dec.				Final 1 ct 1/2 (1931-32)
Wallace Harper & Co.	101	101	101	Dec.				Final 1 ct 1/2 (1931-32)
Stores, &c.								
Dairy Farms	37 1/2	37 1/2	37 1/2	Dec.				Final 1 ct 1/2 (1931-32)
Watsons (old)	18.70	18.70	18.70	Oct.				Final 1 ct 1/2 (1931-32)
(new)	18 1/2	18 1/2	18 1/2	Oct.				Final 1 ct 1/2 (1931-32)
Der A Wings	17 1/2	17 1/2	17 1/2	Dec.				Final 1 ct 1/2 (1931-32)
Lane Crawford (old)	31	31	31	Feb.				Final 1 ct 1/2 (1931-32)
(new)	31	31	31	Feb.				Final 1 ct 1/2 (1931-32)
Mackinnon	19 1/2	19 1/2	19 1/2	Feb.				Final 1 ct 1/2 (1931-32)
Sinclair	17 1/2	17 1/2	17 1/2	Feb.				Final 1 ct 1/2 (1931-32)
Wm. Powell	3.85	3.85	3.85	Feb.				Final 1 ct 1/2 (1931-32)
Miscellaneous								
H.K. Amusements	29 1/2	29 1/2	29 1/2	Mar.				Final 1 ct 1/2 (1931-32)
Ch. Entertainment	14 1/2	14 1/2	14 1/2	Dec.				Final 1 ct 1/2 (1931-32)
S. C. Enterprises	3.65	3.65	3.65	Dec.				Final 1 ct 1/2 (1931-32)
United Theatres	10	10	10	Dec.				Final 1 ct 1/2 (1931-32)
Macao "Greyhounds"	10	10	10	Dec.				Final 1 ct 1/2 (1931-32)
Constructions (old)	5.50	5.50	5.50	Dec.				Final 1 ct 1/2 (1931-32)
(new)	1.75	1.75	1.75	Dec.				Final 1 ct 1/2 (1931-32)
B. Ind. & G. Bonds	55 1/2	55 1/2	55 1/2	Dec.				Final 1 ct 1/2 (1931-32)
H.K. Govt. Loans	92 1/2	92 1/2	92 1/2	Dec.				Final 1 ct 1/2 (1931-32)



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FUSHIMI MARU	Saturday, 28th May.
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ATSUTA MARU	Saturday, 25th June.
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IYO MARU	Wednesday, 11th May.
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LIVERPOOL via Saigon, Port Said, Marseilles, Genoa & Valencia.	
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MALACCA MARU	Sunday, 15th May.
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JAPAN PORTS (Frequent Services).	Hamburg Maru	Thurs., 12th May
LONDON, HAMBURG, ROTTERDAM & ANTWERP via Singapore, Colombo, Suez & Port Said.	London Maru	Mon., 9th May
NEW YORK via Japan ports, Los Angeles & Panama Call Direct at Boston Philadelphia & Baltimore.	Kinnai Maru	Fri., 20th May
BOMBAY via Singapore, Belawan Deli & Colombo.	Celebes Maru	Wed., 4th May
CALCUTTA via Singapore, Belawan Deli & Rangoon.	Shunko Maru	Thurs., 19th May
KEELUNG via Swatow & Amoy (3 p.m. every Sunday).	Canton Maru	Sun., 8th May
JAPAN PORTS via Takao & Keelung.	Canada Maru	Tues., 10th May
TAKAO via Swatow & Amoy (Noon).		

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TAI MING	FRI. 20th	SUN. 22nd	MON. 23rd	TUES. 24th
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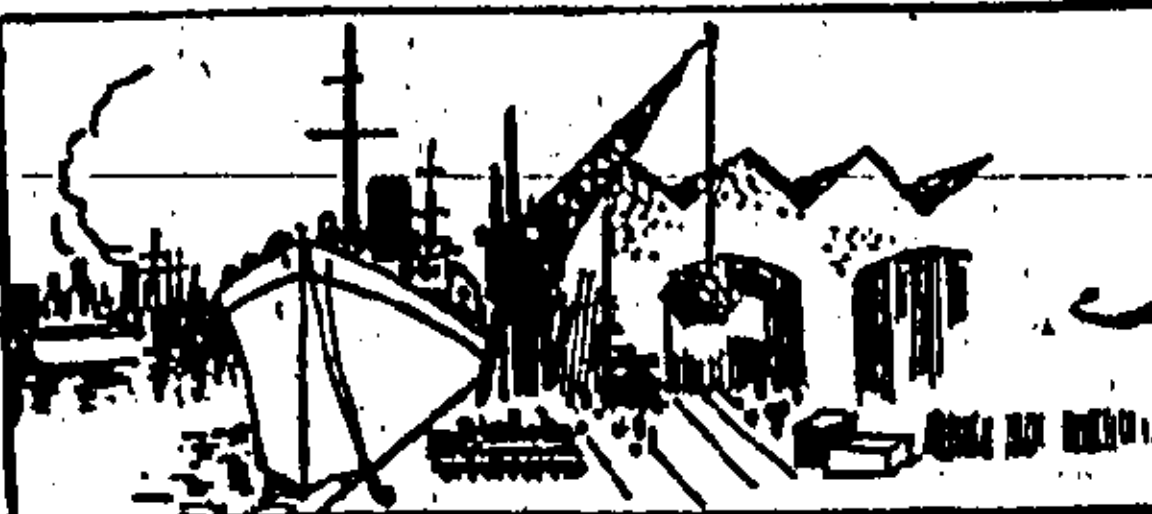
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WARSHIPS IN PORT.

The following British warships were in harbour to-day:
Bridgewater—North arm.
Cantonbury—North wall.
Cornwall—West wall.
Moorhen—East wall.
Odis—In dock.

Orpheus—In dock.
Otus—In dock.
Tamar—East.
Veteran—South wall.
Wild Swan—West wall.
Witch—North arm.
Foreign Men-of-War.
Kien Yu—Chinese gunboat.
Mindanao—U.S. gunboat.
Saga—Japanese gunboat.



SCANDAL ROUND ALBERT CANAL.

Serious Allegations in Belgian Chamber.

POLITICAL CRISIS?

The re-assembling of the Belgian Chamber after its Easter recess on April 20 gave the signal for the airing of a political scandal which is expected to affect the position of the Government and might easily lead to a political crisis.

The scandal revolves around the new Albert Canal, which is to link Antwerp with Leige, representing an undertaking of immense national importance. It now appears that the contracts for the construction of this canal had been made into a political prize, which was obtained by a prominent Belgian firm of contractors with the active help of several prominent politicians including one member of the cabinet, all of whom, the public is left to infer, were liberally rewarded for their services.

These charges were made to-night in the Chamber by the Socialist member for Ghent, M. Anseele. Speaking at great length, M. Anseele insisted that the affair of the Albert Canal was so glaring a case of corruption that all those implicated in it deserved to go to jail for the rest of their lives. He mentioned specifically the leading cabinet member M. Renkin who he asserted, had profited most from the transaction.

Storm of Indignation. These sensational revelations evoked a storm of indignation which subsided temporarily when the Minister of Public Works M. Van Zaeneghem declared that he would answer all questions pertaining to the charges. He declared that there had been two tenders for the construction of the canal, one from a reputable Netherlands firm and the other from the Belgian contractors in question. The price made by the latter, he said, was slightly below that of the Netherlands firm whose specifications, however, were greatly superior to the Belgian plans.

Van Zaeneghem made a strong impression on the house with the declaration that he supported the Dutch project because as a civil engineer he had immediately realised its greater value to the country. He was, however, overborne by the majority of the Cabinet led by M. Renkin, he concluded.

The Cabinet met immediately after the Chamber had adjourned. Far-reaching developments are expected especially if the Liberal Party drops M. Renkin—Trans-Ocean Kuo Min.

HONG KONG TIDES.

The time used is Standard, or mean time of the meridian of 120 deg. E., 60h. is midnight, 12hrs. is noon. The heights are referred to the datum of the largest scale Admiralty chart of the place and should be added to the depths given on the chart unless preceded by an asterisk (*), when they should be subtracted from the depths.

May 3 to 9, 1932.

Date	High Water	Low Water
	Standard Ht.	Standard Ht.
	Times.	Times.
Tues. 3	08.35 5.6	01.40 2.0
Wed. 4	08.55 5.0	02.06 2.1
Thurs. 5	09.15 4.2	02.30 2.4
Fri. 6	09.35 3.5	02.50 2.5
Sat. 7	09.54 2.8	03.12 2.8
Sun. 8	10.14 2.0	03.30 3.0
Mon. 9	10.34 1.2	03.45 3.2

CONSIGNEES' NOTICES.

Consignees of cargo ex m.v. Afrika are reminded to take delivery of their goods which will be subject to rent after May 6. Consignees of cargo ex m.v. Himalaya are reminded to take delivery of their goods which will be subject to rent after May 10.

HARBOUR OFFICE.

Good Freight Figures Returned.

The Harbour Office Reports for the 24 hours ended 9 a.m. yesterday gave a free movement of vessels with a high tonnage. Freight was up to the mark, both the inwards and throughs reaching five figures. The total tonnage entered was 49,840.

There were 11 inward registries, of which three were British and two of four figures, while of the 12 throughs, three were British and eight of four figures. Two vessels arrived in ballast.

Passengers entered during the period included 70 Europeans and 1,291 Asiatic deck, British vessels carrying 158 out of the total in all classes.

Details follow:—

Nationality	Arr.	H'Kong	Dep.	Through
	Cargo	Tons	Cargo	Tons
British	4	2,995	8	2,896
American	2	899	—	2,485
Dutch	2	5,160	—	3,230
Italian	1	—	—	1,500
Norwegian	2	224	4	2,908
Japanese	5	1,077	—	3,146
Chinese	2	40	1	—
French	—	—	1	—
Danish	—	—	1	—
	18	10,395	15	16,076

POST OFFICE NOTICE.

INWARD MAILS.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 4.	
Calcutta and Straits	Tilawa
THURSDAY, MAY 5.	
Japan	Melbourne Maru
FRIDAY, MAY 6.	
Japan, Shanghai and Europe via Siberia (London, April 15)	Shinryo Maru
Shanghai and Swatow	King Yuan
U.S.A., Canada, Japan & Shanghai (Seattle, April 16)	President Jefferson
Japan and Shanghai	Ranpura
Japan	Manila Maru

OUTWARD MAILS.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 4.	
Amoy	Tai Yuan 3.30 p.m.
Samshui and Wuchow	Kong Ning 4 p.m.
Manila	Michigan 5 p.m.
Hohow	Dorry 5 p.m.
THURSDAY, MAY 5.	
Amoy	Tjinegara 10 a.m.
Shanghai and *Europe via Siberia	Ranchi 10.30 a.m.
Straits	Van Houten 10.30 a.m.
*Japan and *Canada	Proteilaus 10.30 a.m.
(Due Vancouver, B.C., May 30.)	Hydrangea 3 p.m.
Swatow	
Australia and New Zealand via Brisbane	Melbourne Maru (Due Brisbane, May 18.)
	Parcels May 5, 2 p.m.
	Registration 2.45 p.m.
	Letters 3.30 p.m.
	Halvard 4.30 p.m.
Saigon	
Shanghai, Japan, Honolulu, Canada, U.S.A., C & S. America and *Europe via Vancouver, B.C.	Empress of Japan (Due Vancouver, B.C., May 24 and *Europe via Siberia.)
	Parcels May 5, 5 p.m.
	Registration May 6, 9.15 a.m.
	Letters 10 a.m.

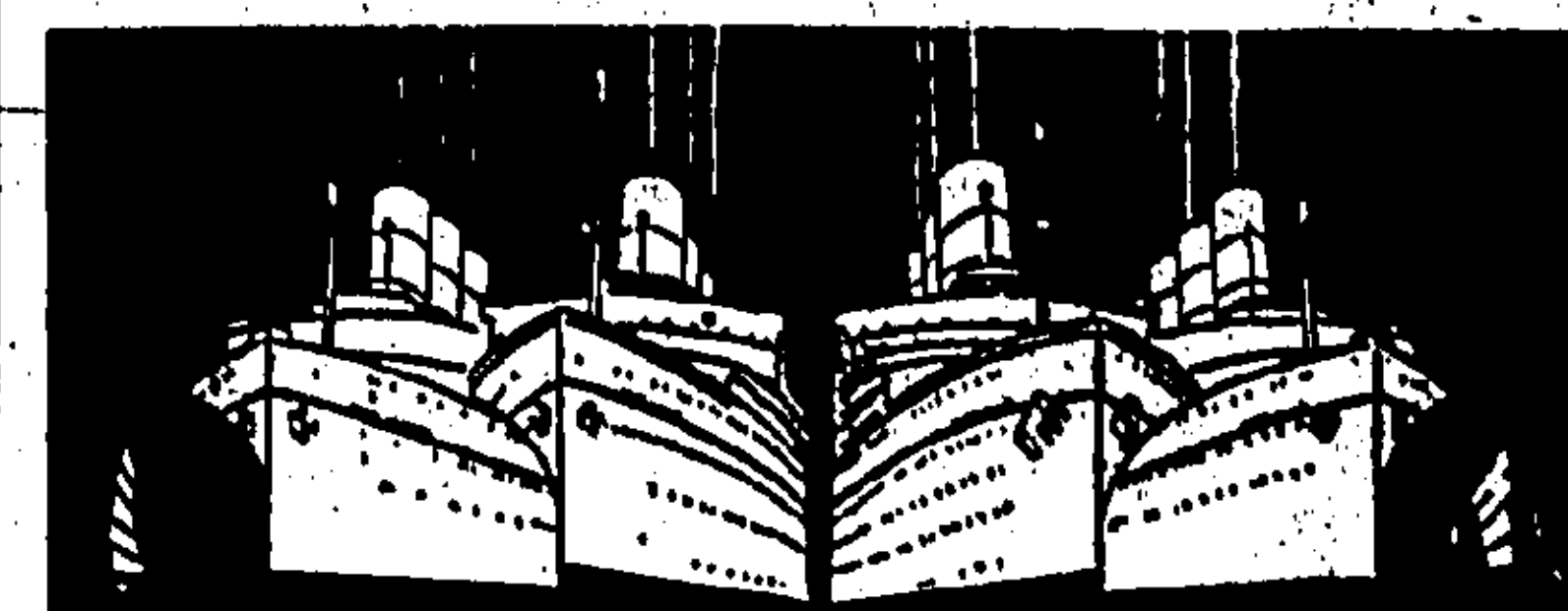
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Emp. of Canada	June 3	June 6	June 8	June 10	June 12	June 16	June 21
Emp. of Russia	June 17	June 20	June 21	June 23	June 25	July 4	July 10
Emp. of Japan	July 1	July 4	July 6	July 8	July 10	July 14	July 19
Emp. of Asia	July 15	July 18	July 19	July 21	July 23	Aug. 1	Aug. 7
Emp. of Canada	July 23	Aug. 1	Aug. 3	Aug. 5	Aug. 7	Aug. 11	Aug. 16
Emp. of Russia	Aug. 12	Aug. 15	Aug. 16	Aug. 18	Aug. 20	Aug. 27	Sept. 2
Emp. of Japan	Aug. 28	Aug. 29	Aug. 31	Sept. 2	Sept. 4	Sept. 8	Sept. 13
Emp. of Asia	Sept. 9	Sept. 12	Sept. 13	Sept. 15	Sept. 17	Sept. 25	Sept. 30
Emp. of Canada	Sept. 23	Sept. 26	Sept. 28	Sept. 30	Oct. 2	Oct. 6	Oct. 11

HONG KONG—MANILA.

	Leave	Arrive
	Hong Kong	Manila
EMPRESS OF ASIA	May 11	May 13

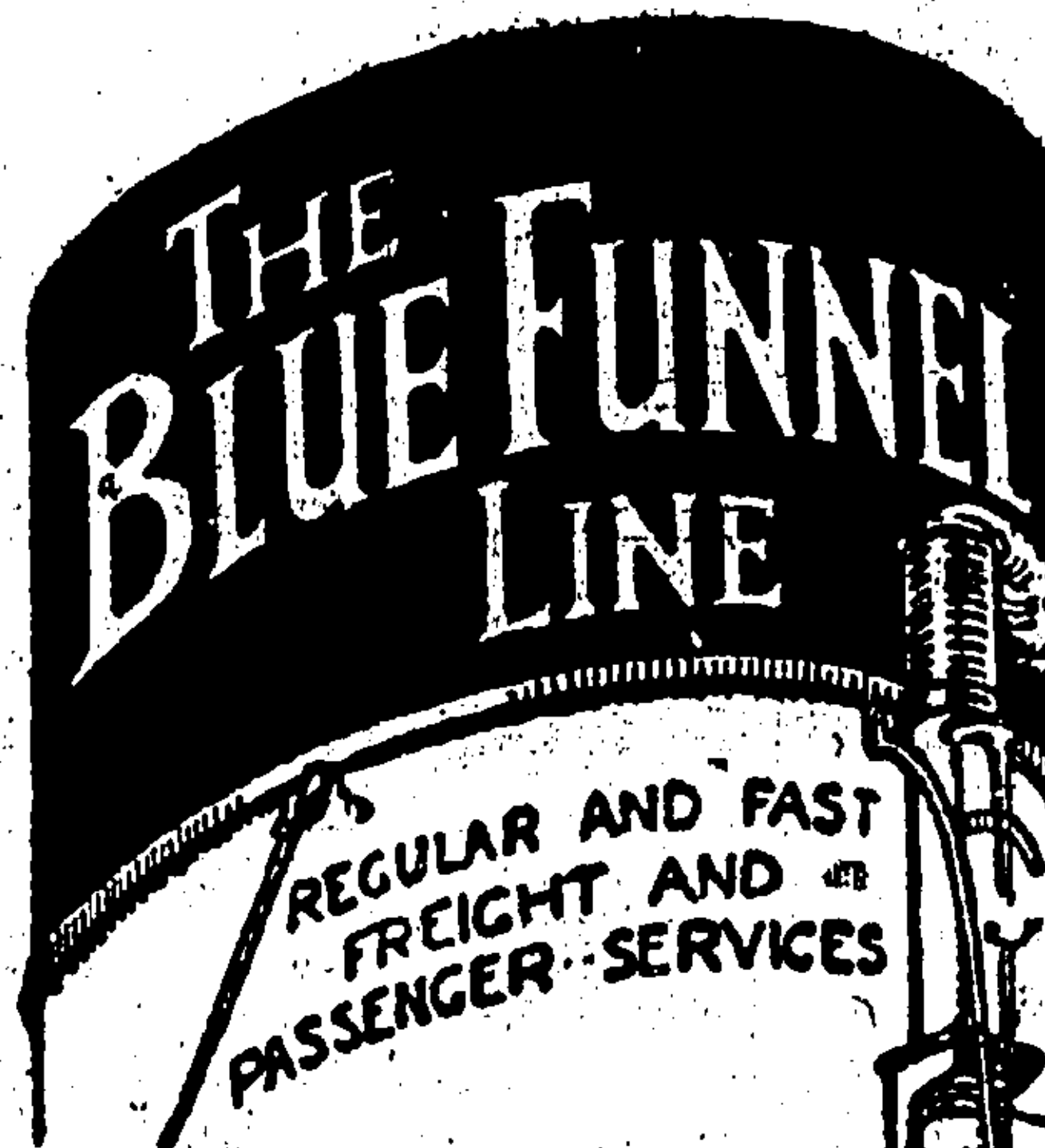
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	1932.		
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	1932		
RANCHI	17,000	5th May Noon	Shanghai, Kobe & Yokohama.
TANDA	7,000	5th May 5 p.m.	Shanghai, Kobe & Yokohama.
TILAWA	10,000	6th May	Aomori, Kobe & Osaka.
TALMA	10,000	19th May	Aomori, Shanghai, Kobe & Yokohama.
NALDERA	16,000	19th May	Shanghai, Kobe, Kobe & Yokohama.
*BRUTAN	6,000	1st June	Shanghai, Kobe & Yokohama.
*SANTHA	8,000	2nd June	Aomori, Shanghai, Kobe & Osaka.
KAISAR-I-HIND	12,000	2nd June	Shanghai, Kobe, Kobe & Yokohama.
NANKIN	7,000	6th June	Shanghai, Kobe & Osaka & Yokohama.
RAJPUTANA	17,000	16th June	Shanghai, Kobe & Yokohama.
*BOUDAN	8,800	28th June	Shanghai, Kobe & Yokohama.

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Apart from shipping, British industry depended upon cheap coal, and in that respect its position was quite sound. British ships were mainly engaged in carrying exports from and imports to this country, and filled an important role in enabling manufactured goods to be sold abroad against foreign competition. Their earnings in this and other carrying trades were an important contribution to national income, and when coal or oil owned by British interests was used without impairing the competitive power of manufacturer or shipowner a position of maximum advantage was attained. When fuel was bought from foreign suppliers the national receipts were diminished, but if its use enabled propulsion costs to be reduced, to the benefit of the country's general trading position, then the situation might have to be accepted. Monopoly or curtailment of supplies might be a remote contingency, or not even a possible one, but in any case users could not be expected to shoulder a present trading disability against a hypothetical future danger. The general adoption, however, of a system of propulsion which would make the mercantile marine entirely dependent upon a continuance of supplies of a special grade of oil at a suitable price raised issues of immense importance.

could be bought with assurance that its calorific value and other characteristics would conform closely to specification, and that the quantity contracted for would be delivered and readily checked, coal upon occasion could be exceedingly troublesome. Variations in physical characteristics, excessive wetness, presence of foreign matter, deviation in sizing, and short weight not infrequently caused annoyance and disappointment. Much progress however, had been made in recent years, and matters were gradually being put on a more satisfactory footing. Coal should be more carefully prepared for the marine market, and suppliers must give careful consideration to this if it was to be less of an annoyance than it now occasionally proved. To lift coal to the same level of utility as oil for marine purposes was a heavy task, but by no means impossible, when one considered the high standards prevailing in power stations and the economical results already obtained by mechanical stoking at sea.

Modern steam machinery had already reached a stage of development which warranted its general adoption, and its efficiency was susceptible of further improvement. Based upon the use of home fuel, and the option of taking cheap fuel oil or coal at foreign ports, it would

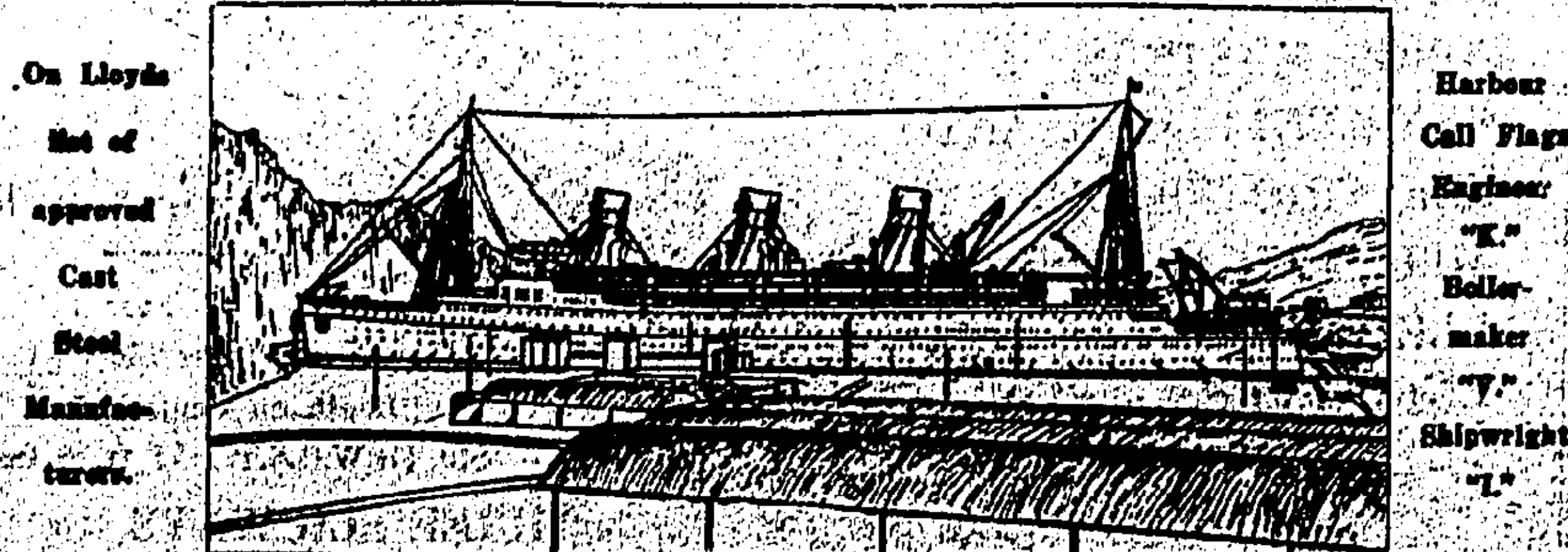
It was axiomatic that cheap fuel was essential for economical transport, and it was clearly to the advantage of trading communities, shipowners in general, and British shipowners in particular, that coal should not be driven out

Mr. G. Clephan, discussing the question from the point of view of the mining industry, said that the minimum price hampered the coal-owners in any attempt to get coal prices down to bedrock so as to compete with oil fuel. It seemed to him that the minimum price was a great mistake, and that nothing but the searching fire of unfettered competition could help the coal industry to recover what it had lost to the oil industry.

In a paper presented at the evening session Mr. L. Woodlard described the methods by which a modern cruiser was ventilated. The ventilation of a warship, he said, was required to be efficient and adequate under the diverse conditions of climate to which such a vessel might be exposed, so that the ventilating arrangements differed from those successfully adopted in ships of other types. The only compartments ventilated by natural means alone were those situated entirely in the open. If natural ventilation were used for spaces below, excessively large trunks and deck openings would be required, which would weaken the structure and protection and introduce undesirable top-hammer. By rigging wind sails, to divert a current of fresh air down the hatches and into the 'tween-deck mess spaces, a measure of natural ventilation would be obtained which, under tropical conditions, provided an agreeable addition to

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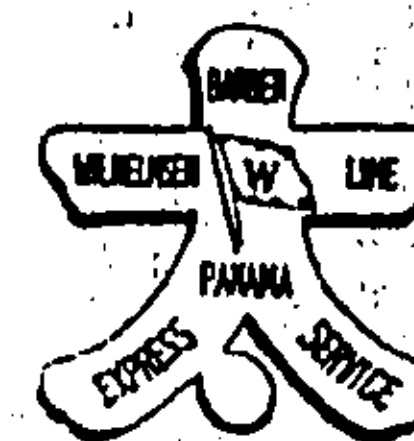


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the fan supplies. In ordinary circumstances, however, ventilation was effected almost entirely by artificial means.

The system adopted in most of the ships' compartments where ventilation, and not merely the removal of foul air, was the primary object, was the system of fan supply and natural exhaust. It was used in all living spaces in the majority of offices and stores, and in compartments such as magazines and shell-rooms which were occupied intermittently by men. Experience had shown this system of ventilation to be entirely satisfactory when the supply of air was adequate and its distribution suitably arranged. An advantage of supply by fan was that control could be exercised over the delivery of fresh air. In particular, the velocity of supply could be graduated to suit the climatic conditions, a matter of great importance in the tropics, where a minute current of fresh air is all that is needed to prevent the heat and humidity of the atmosphere from becoming oppressive.

The system of fan supply and natural exhaust was also used in stores for spirits, petrol, paint, etc. In such compartments it was essential that the heated air, noxious gases, or inflammable vapour should not be disseminated about the ship but expelled direct to the open. The air supply might then not be fresh, but in these compartments this was generally of minor importance.

A third system—that of fan supply and fan exhaust—was employed in a few spaces, for example, in the main engine-rooms, where it was necessary to remove the heated air and at the same time to supply fresh, cool air to the personnel. The supply was then directed on to the positions where men were working, and the current of cool air could be so arranged as to provide tolerable conditions locally, even in highly heated spaces. This system was also adopted in liners where passengers were carried on a very superheated deck space. It would be difficult otherwise to dispose of the air exhausted from so many fans, and it was necessary, however, to know the direction of the air and to maintain it at a low temperature.

There was one other system, in which the air was drawn from the atmosphere by the fans, and was then blown into the compartments. This was used in a few special cases only. The air was

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City and Hill District.	1931	1932
Tytam	28'11" B	27' 7" B
Tytam Byewash	25' 1" B	25' 9" B
Tytam Intermediate	32' 0" B	37' 3" B
Tytam Tuk	42'10" B	39'12" B
Wong Nei Chung	26'10" B	24'11" B
Pokfulam	22' 7" B	24' 3" B
Aberdeen Upper	—	41'11" B
Aberdeen Lower	—	—

[Note: B. denotes "Below Overflow"; A. denotes "Above Overflow"; L. denotes "Level with Overflow".]
Storage in millions and decimals of gallons.

	1931	1932
Tytam	193.20	189.20
Tytam Byewash	68	46
Tytam Intermediate	52.70	47.10
Tytam Tuk	581.50	627.33
Wong Nei Chung	5.67	6.89
Pokfulam	19.85	16.85
Aberdeen Upper	—	34.50
Aberdeen Lower	—	—

Total

Consumption of water in the City and Hill District in millions and decimals of gallons during the month of March, 1932.

	1931	1932
Consumption	257.13	248.64
Estimated population	451,480	362,500
Consumption per head per day	18.4	21.0

* Includes 27.15 million gallons from Mainland.
March, 1931.—From March 1 to 31, 1931, a constant street fountain supply was operated in all Rider Main Districts.

March, 1932.—From March 1 to 31, 1932, a constant street fountain supply was operated in all Rider Main Districts.

	1931	1932
Kowloon Main	23' 8" B	25'11" B
Kowloon Byewash	—	40' 2" B
Shing Mun Reservoir	6' 0" B	11' 4" B
Shing Mun Reception	13' 9" B	11' 2" B

Storage in millions and decimals of gallons.

	1931	1932
Kowloon Main	151.80	137.23
Kowloon Byewash	13.10	40.65
Shing Mun Reservoir	93.00	74.48
Shing Mun Reception	2.27	7.24

Total

Consumption of water in Kowloon in millions and decimals of gallons during the month of March, 1932.

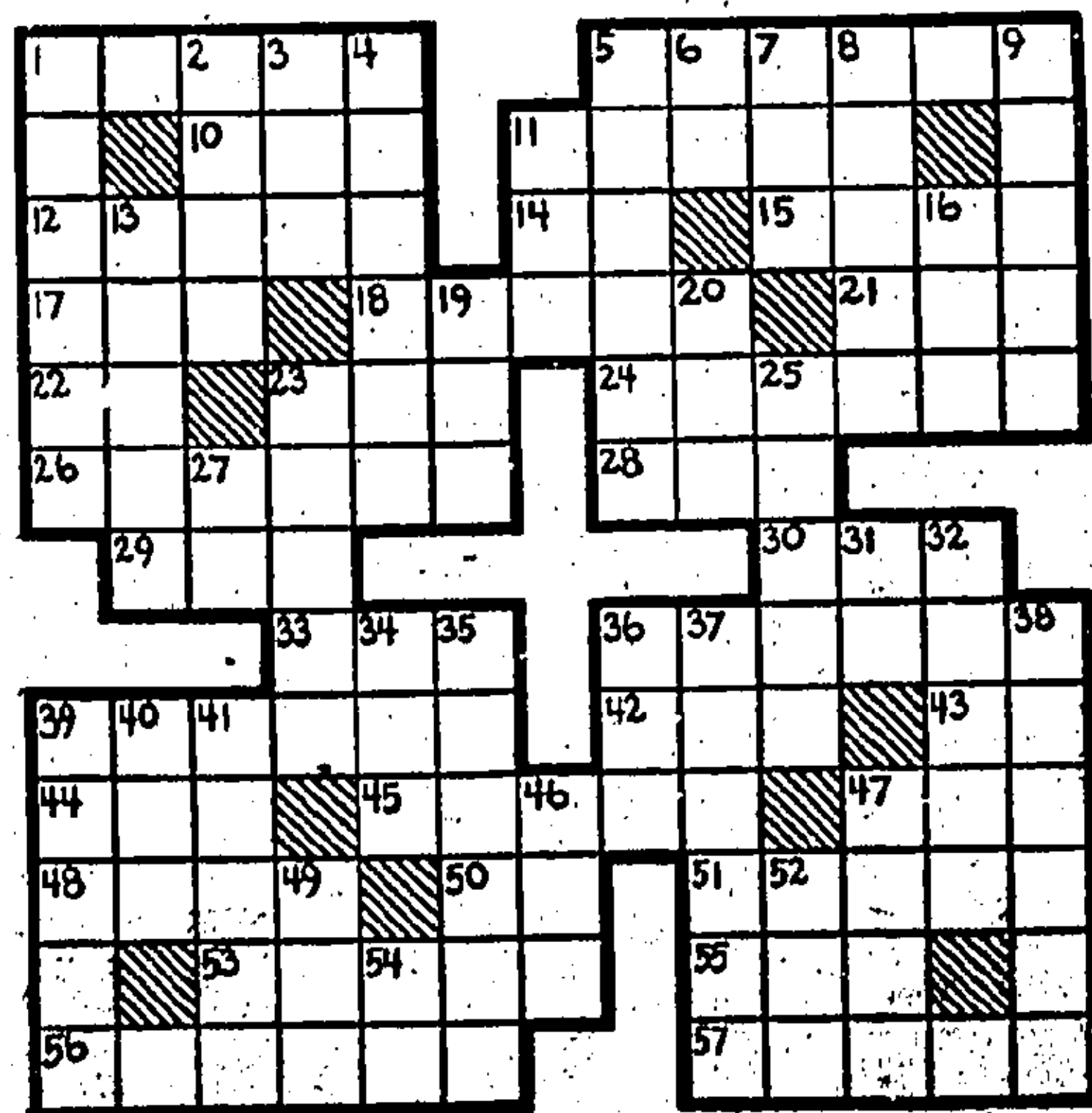
	1931	1932
Consumption	139.54	153.56
Estimated population	179,560	297,650
Consumption per head per day	25.1	16.6

Constant supply in all Districts during March, 1931 and 1932.
The reports of the Government Bacteriologist and Analyst show that the quality of the water is satisfactory.

Total rainfall recorded by Royal Observatory from January 1 to March 31, 1932, 4.735.

DAILY CROSS-WORD PUZZLE.

(This cross-word puzzle has been made by an expert but our readers are warned to look out for occasional phonetic spellings, such as harbor, plow, and altho.)



HORIZONTAL

- 1—To happen again
- 2—Outrageous
- 3—A drunken outfit
- 4—A habitual drunkard
- 5—Troubles
- 6—Royal Navy (abbr.)
- 7—A vegetable
- 8—Poetic name of India
- 9—To rebuke
- 10—Exult
- 11—Musical note
- 12—To plead
- 13—Fabled the spirits of
- 14—A book of the Old Testament
- 15—To better
- 16—Part of the head
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HORIZONTAL (Cont.)

- 43—Country of Asia (abbr.)
- 44—Loose
- 45—Simple single-celled organism
- 46—Lyric poem
- 47—Inward (pl.)
- 48—Negative
- 49—Rub out
- 50—Governed
- 51—Consumes
- 52—Forms
- 53—Tables for writing

VERTICAL

- 1—Famous
- 2—Prefix. Three
- 3—Plant that produces alcohol
- 4—Rather than
- 5—Possessive pronoun
- 6—Highest note in music
- 7—Quid's scale
- 8—A bit or fragment
- 9—Mingled with
- 10—Symbol for tantalum
- 11—Into
- 12—Proceeds
- 13—Edge of anything
- 14—Explores
- 15—Chinese beverage
- 16—In fact
- 17—Drills (boat)
- 18—A set or kind
- 19—Sifted
- 20—Additional
- 21—To isolate the head
- 22—A great (pl.)
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MILITARY ACTIVITIES
IN CHINA

HISTORY OF 19th ROUTE ARMY

Civil Conflicts.

"A reasonably detailed history of the 19th Route Army would occupy much more space than is at present available as it has undergone a considerable number of reorganisations before it finally reached its present form," writes Mr. Wang Chi-yuen. The following only deals briefly with the landmarks of the Army up to the time of the appointment of General Chiang Kwang-nai as its Commander-in-Chief and General Tsai Ting-kai as Field-Commander of the defence forces in the Shanghai area.

Originally the 19th Route Army was known in 1925 as the 1st Division of the Kwangtung Provincial Army then under the command of General Chen Ming-shu. General Chiang Kwang-nai who is now its Commander-in-Chief was then the Commanding Officer of the 2nd Brigade of the Division, while General Tsai Ting-kai was the Vice-Commander of the Division.

The First Real Test.

The first real test of the Army occurred in 1925 when it engaged in a punitive expedition against the insurgent forces under Chen Chiung-ming and Ling Fu who had revolted against Dr. Sun in Canton. Within a short period the rebel leaders were routed. This was considered a notable achievement in view of the fact that previous campaigns against the rebels had all failed.

Following the conclusion of the campaign, the Division was completely reorganised and came to be known as the 10th Division with General Chen Ming-shu as the Commander. General Chiang Kwang-nai was promoted vice-Commander, while General Tsai Ting-kai was shifted to the command of the 2nd Brigade of the same Army. In the same year another rebellion under the leadership of Tang Peng-ying was suppressed by the reorganised Army after several attempts by other military units had failed.

At the launching of the Northern Punitive Expedition against the Peking regime in the Summer of 1926, the 10th Division under General Chen formed part of the advance forces into Hunan which secured the virtual elimination of General Wu Pei-fu as a result of the famous battle of the Tingshih Bridge near Hankow, one of the most decisive battles throughout the entire punitive campaign.

Following the occupation of Hankow by the expeditionary forces General Chen Ming-shu was promoted to be Commander-in-Chief of the 11th Army with General Chiang Kwang-nai as Vice-Commander and General Tsai Ting-kai as Commander of the original 10th Division which formed part of the 11th Army.

The 11th Army in Control in Nanking.

After the pacification of the Wuhan, i.e. the Hankow, Yangtze, and Wuchang area, the 11th Army under General Chen took its advance to the campaign in Kiangsi against General Sun Chuan-fang. For a considerable period General Sun's forces had succeeded in holding the Southern units and it was not until the arrival of the 11th Army to participate in the battle that the

strategic city of Nanchang was taken. The fall of Nanchang into which the men of the 11th Army were the first to enter, practically sealed the fate of the then Southern-eastern warlord, for with his downfall the provinces of Kiangsi and Kiangsu soon fell in the hands of the advance revolutionary forces. The inauguration of the National Government at Nanking in 1927 found the 11th Army in control in Nanking. General Tsai in the meantime returned to Canton while General Chen Ming-shu and General Chiang Kwang-nai remained at the Capital.

When the Communists threatened to overrun the province of Kwangtung in the Winter of 1927, the 11th Army was sent back to their home base for the task of suppressing the "Red." The campaign lasted but a few weeks and with the conclusion came the appointment of General Chen Ming-shu as Chairman of the Kwangtung Provincial Government. General Chiang Kwang-nai took over the command of the 11th Army which, however, was subsequently reorganised.

During the conflict between the Kwangtung and Kwangsi forces, General Tsai Ting-kai was made the Commander of the 60th Division while General Chiang Kwang-nai was appointed as Commander of the reorganised 11th Army which since then was known as the 61st Division.

19th Route Army.

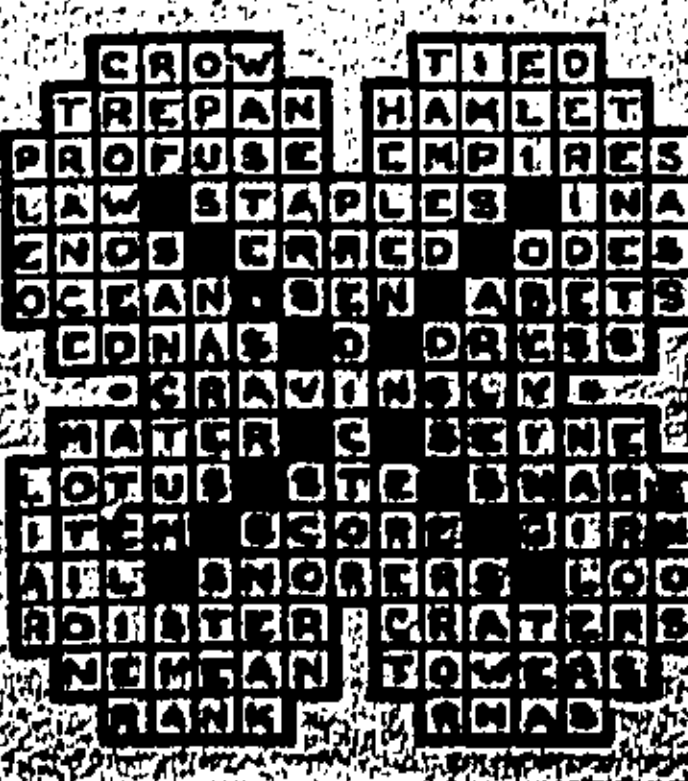
At the time of the struggle between the Peiping Coalition Government and the Nanking Government, both of these Cantonese divisions were despatched to Shantung to participate in the battle against General Yen Hsi-shan. It was at this time that the term 19th Route Army first became known with General Chiang Kwang-nai as the Field-Commander and General Tsai Ting-kai as second in command.

With the conclusion of the expedition against the Northern Coalition, the 19th Route Army returned to Kwangtung. In the Summer of 1931 it was again despatched into Kiangsi for a campaign against the Communists. As the campaign extended over a large territory including Kiangsi and Hunan, General Chen Ming-shu was appointed Commander-in-Chief of the Right Wing Forces. The 60th and the 61st Divisions which formed the first group of the Right Wing Forces were then under the command of General Chiang Kwang-nai who finally succeeded in breaking through the Communist defences as well as occupying their strongholds. It is now a matter of historical record that the 19th Route Army succeeded more than any other unit of the National forces in reducing the formidable "Red" forces in China to their present stage of relative inaction. At the time of the rupture between Canton and Nanking both General Chen Ming-shu and the 19th Route Army were still in Kiangsi in active participation against the Communists. Both the Nanking and Canton leaders entertained the highest respect for the 19th Route Army as a well-disciplined unit, and so they place it in control of the Shanghai-Nanking Area at the time of the coming together of the leaders. Thus it was that on January 28, 1932, when the Japanese forces attempted to occupy Shanghai, they unexpectedly met with most stubborn resistance by the 19th Route Army which was then under orders from the Government to protect the Chinese territory.

Part of The Chinese

National Army. The battles fought by the various units of the 19th Route Army against the Japanese invaders during the month of February have resulted in heavy casualties sustained by the 19th Route Army. So far, however, as the morale of the soldiers and their sense of duty are concerned, the consensus of opinion among both Chinese and foreign circles estimated that the 19th Route Army is and emerged from the battle by far the gainer.

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STANDARD TIMES.

Sunrise and Sunset in Hong Kong for February, 1932. (Standard time of the 120th Meridian, East of Greenwich), are as follows:—

May	Sunrise	Sunset
4	5.49	6.51
5	5.49	6.52
6	5.48	6.52
7	5.47	6.53
8	5.47	6.53
9	5.47	6.53
10	5.46	6.54
11	5.45	6.54
12	5.45	6.55
13	5.44	6.55
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15	5.43	6.55
16	5.42	6.57
17	5.42	6.57
18	5.42	6.58
19	5.41	6.58
20	5.41	6.58
21	5.41	6.59
22	5.41	7.00
23	5.40	7.00
24	5.40	7.00
25	5.40	7.01
26	5.40	7.01
27	5.40	7.02
28	5.39	7.02
29	5.39	7.02
30	5.38	7.03

ROAD RACING FOR
BRITAIN.Work Commenced on
Derbyshire Circuit.

Work has commenced on a three mile road racing circuit in Drake's lowe Park Estate, Derbyshire, which has been purchased by the Automobile Association for the purpose of bringing road racing to England. Hitherto, Britishers have either had to visit the Isle of Man or the Continent, since racing on the Public roads, even if allowed by the local authorities, is illegal in this country. Apart from the expense of motor manufacturers and racing motorists, thousands of pounds have gone out of the country, which would undoubtedly have been spent there had such a circuit as Drake's been available. An opening rally will be held at Drake's on Whit-Monday and the three-mile circuit, which is as good as a half-mile circuit, will be open on an August Bank Holiday.

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MR. MACDONALD'S EYE-SIGHT

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Rugby, Yesterday.
The unfortunate necessity of an operation on the Prime Minister's right eye, announced in to-day's bulletin, did not come as a surprise. Glaucoma, which necessitated an operation to the left eye three months ago, generally attacks both eyes. At that time it was known that the right eye was already slightly affected and that an operation on it was almost inevitable. Glaucoma has the effect of blocking the ducts which drain the eye and thus causes pressure on the optic nerve.

It interferes with the vision and causes severe headaches. Condition of the left eye is now quite satisfactory and the Premier's general health is excellent. The decision to operate without any delay was not due to any emergency but was taken because the Premier is anxious to be fit again in time to attend the Lausanne Reparation Conference in the middle of June. A postponement of the operation until after the Lausanne Conference would have been medically inadvisable.

Change in Plans.
Unfortunately some of the Premier's plans had to be changed and he particularly regrets that he will be unable to fulfil his intention to return to Geneva to resume the conversations there which were originally interrupted by M. Tardieu's illness. Premier Macdonald will to-morrow morning preside over the weekly meeting of the Cabinet. In the afternoon he will have an audience with H.M. the King, which was arranged before the decision was known, and in the evening he will enter a nursing home in preparation for the operation on Thursday morning.

To Recuperate in Scotland.
He will remain in the nursing home for about a fortnight and then go to Largsmouth, Scotland to recuperate, returning to Downing Street on June 13 prior to proceeding to Lausanne. During his absence Mr. Baldwin will deputise as Prime Minister. It is emphasised that there is no occasion for any undue alarm about the Premier's eye-sight. With the proper treatment followed by ordinary care it is perfectly good for many years.—British Wireless Service.

SIMON'S DEPUTY.

Capt. Eden for Geneva
Arms Parley.

Rugby, To-day.

Capt. R. A. Eden, Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, left London to-day to attend the Disarmament Conference. He expects to remain in Geneva until Whitsun.—British Wireless Service.

EMPIRE DAY FAIR.

Monday's Committee Meeting.

MANY EXHIBITS ARRANGED.

The Empire Products Fair Sub-Committee held their fourth meeting on Monday. There was a full attendance of European and Chinese members. Progress reports were submitted by the respective sub-committees in charge of their individual sections, viz., New Territories and Dominions produce, poultry, flowers and, last but not least, industries. An interesting list has been compiled of about forty different items of vegetables, melons, etc., grown in the New Territories which will be offered for sale on the 23rd and 24th May. The detailed list will be announced at a later date. Practically all districts in the New Territories will be represented with exhibits at the Fair.

The Dominion section will be in joint charge of the Canadian Government Trade Commissioner and Mr. S. T. Williamson. Canada, Australia and New Zealand will be effectively represented in a comprehensive display of Dominion products.

There will be no less than thirty coops in the Poultry section, which will display a unique collection of the finest fowls reared from first-class English, Canadian and Australian strains. The exhibits will include Wyandottes entered by Lady Peel.

Although the time of year in late May is not the best for any flower show, promises of a creditable exhibition are forthcoming from the Colony's keenest amateur florists, like Mrs. R. M. Dyer, Mr. J. T. Bagram and Mr. Andrew Tse.

An entry of Yorkshire canaries has been registered. It suffices to state that the birds cost \$80 each to testify to the value of this contribution to the Fair.

Applications from leading British firms and industrial companies in Hong Kong have been received and cheerfully accepted for a representative display in the Industries section. The enterprise of the exhibits should be amply rewarded and their combined display will go to prove the resourcefulness of British factories in a number of the principal lines of British goods for all purposes.

BRITAIN LEADS IN SUEZ TRAFFIC.

Rome.

Italy occupied fifth place in 1931 in the traffic that passed through the Suez Canal. There were 286 vessels flying the Italian flag with a total tonnage of 1,424,950 as compared with 2,976 British vessels totalling 16,624,632 tons; 586 German vessels totalling 3,314,750 tons; 444 Netherlands ships totalling 2,843,368 tons and 350 French ships with a total of 2,084,085 tons.

NEW INDUSTRIES IN BRITAIN.

Over 50 Are Established.

Rugby, To-day.
The Board of Trade has received information that over fifty foreign owned undertakings have been set up in Great Britain within the last two months. Of these 45 have begun operations.—British Wireless Service.

SHANGHAI CHINESE IN PANIC.

(Continued from Page 1.)

bearing on the matter if Japan, in accordance with her avowed and positive policy, seizes the C.E.R. and precipitates a war with Russia and if the clash brings Japan and America into conflict.

Admitting the logic of the Japanese desire for expansion since yellow immigration is barred by the Powers, the Guardian suggests the prevention of expansion in the present violent form, and then provide for it without a hate war.—Reuter.

Evacuation Planned.

Mukden, Yesterday.
Following the receipt of a message stating that the Vice-Consul, Mr. Okitsu, his staff and other Japanese residents at Tunghua were planning to evacuate, and were asking for assistance, a Japanese plane, dispatched early this morning to reconnoitre, has returned with the news that the Consulate flag is still flying, indicating that the inmates are still safe.

Later the plane made a second visit and dropped a message regretting they were unable to spare troops but suggesting that an attempt to escape to a place indicated where help would be awaiting, should be made.

It is reported that Vice-Consul Okitsu, his staff and 40 Japanese residents evacuated Tunghua this morning, and have arrived at Pakoshu. They will go to Chianon and Yalu and then on to Antung.—Reuter.

FAIR GENERALLY.

The Royal Observatory's weather report for to-day states:—

The anti-cyclone is central over the Pacific to the East of Japan.

Pressure is low over China generally.

Forecast:—South winds, moderate; fair generally.

Temperature.

Hong Kong	80
Macao	77
Pratas Island	79
Manila	81
Foochow	75
Swatow	77
Chefoo	59
Shanghai	70

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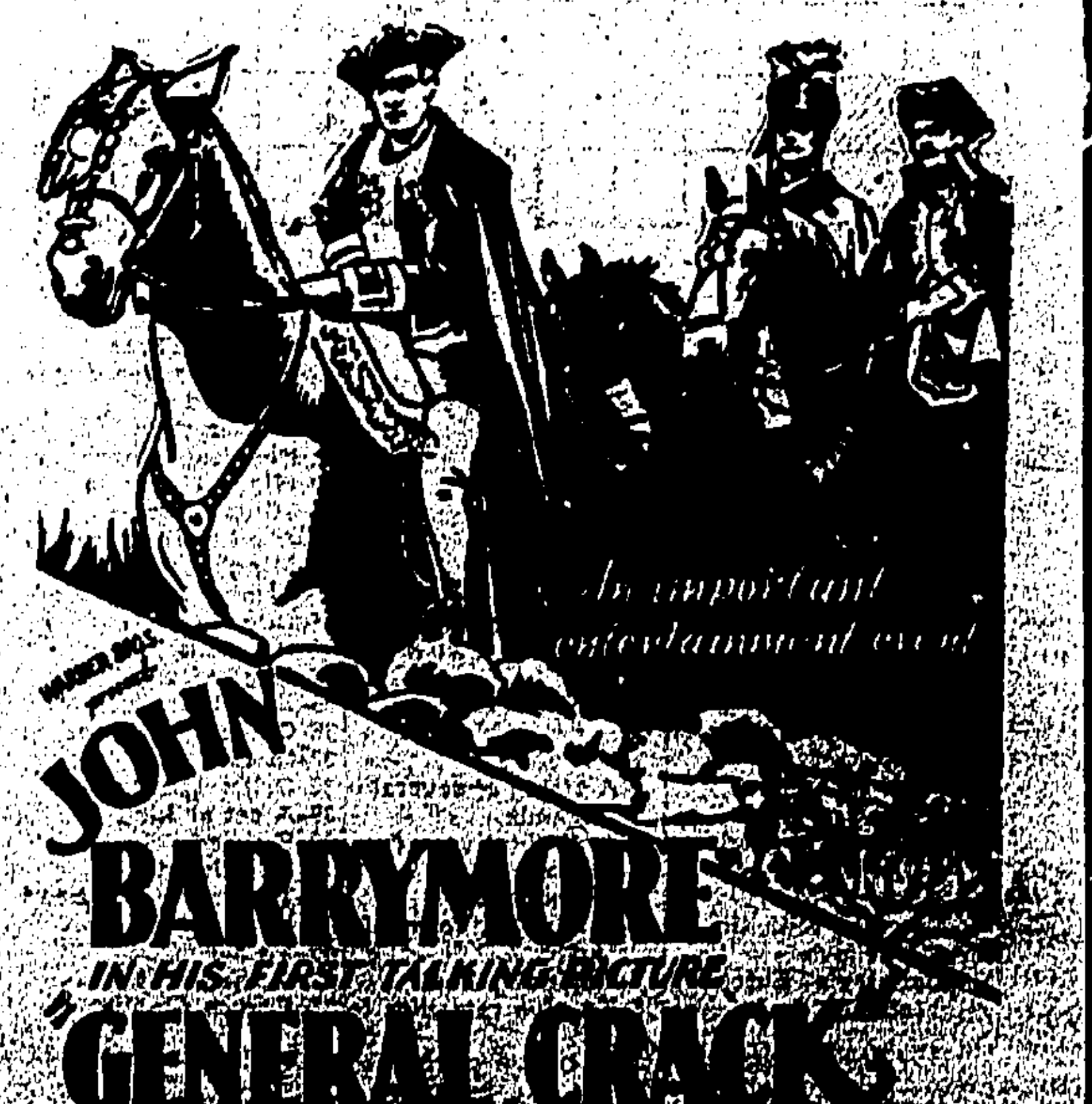
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